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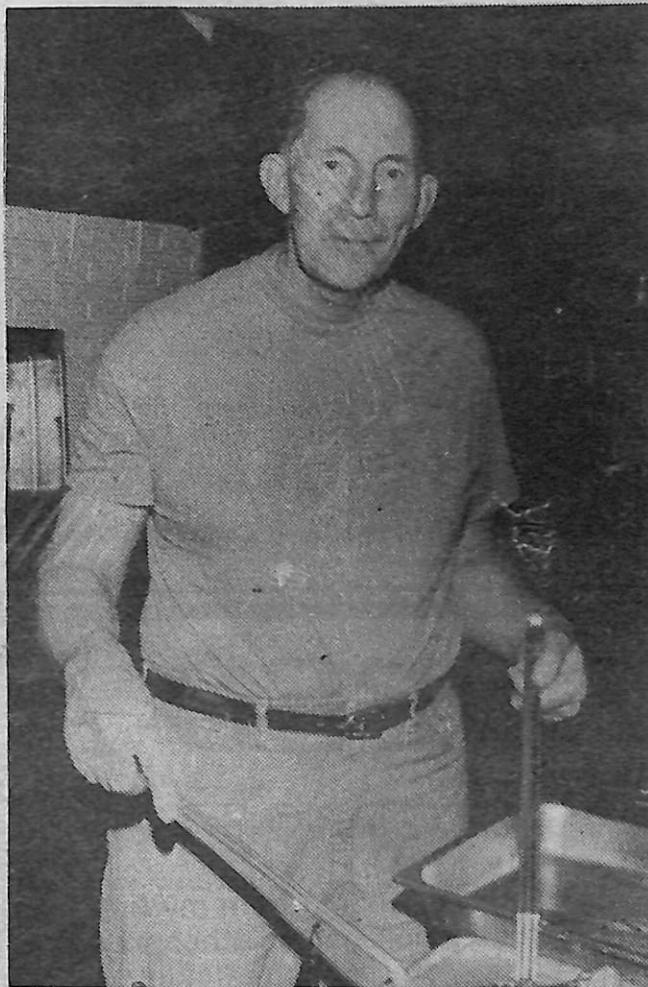
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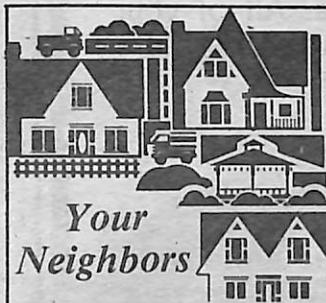
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Strawberries Galore At Valley Community Church



IN LEFT PHOTO: Kendall Hill and Lois Granger with their "just desserts" at Valley Community Church's June 13th supper. IN CENTER PHOTO: "Chef" Charlie Granger. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Diane Guarante and Betty Kopy are ready to serve salads. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AAN Feature Writer
Peggy Shoemaker has
been covering "in-
teresting" people who
live right in our back-
yards.

If you have any ideas for future stories that you'd like to see Peggy cover, contact The AAN at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Remember, the people of Agawam and Feeding Hills are "Your Neighbors."

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:

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Agawam UNICO Holds Golf Tournament...



THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF UNICO held its first annual golf tournament on Sunday, June 7th, at the Agawam Country Club. Following the tournament, dinner was served at the Italian Sporting Club, courtesy of UNICO "grillmasters" Frank Morassi, Ed Disco, and Charles Calabrese. (See additional photos in "Sports.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Diplomatic Process Is Set To Begin...

Agawam's Italian Sister City Commission Awaits Answer From Frosinone, Italy

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Some time next year, they hope to be walking the Freedom Trail with visitors from Italy. Last week, the Italian Sister City Commission took another step down the diplomatic path toward cementing a relationship for cultural exchange with the Town of Frosinone.

Italian Regional Vice-Consul Giuseppe Polimeni will begin the diplomatic process by informing the Mayor and City Council of Frosinone of the commission's invitation to become Agawam's sister city. Having already expressed an interest in joining with Agawam for cultural, educational, and economic exchange programs, Frosinone is expected to accept the offer soon. But, Polimeni said the formal process of establishing a sister city will not begin at the Italian Foreign Ministry until September.

Through his experience in working with the Springfield Sister City Commission, Polimeni offered several suggestions for a successful, ongoing exchange program.

"Of key importance is a strongly committed, permanent commission to keep the relationship going," Polimeni said. "Also of key importance are involving business and civic leaders and establishing committees to carry on the work and follow through on the programs."

Polimeni suggested the commission try to find

some municipal space for displaying the work of local artisans and showcasing area businesses for visitors from the sister city. Other events that have proved popular with visitors from Springfield's sister city include a Thanksgiving dinner, a walk along the Freedom Trail in Boston, and a visit to the Kennedy Library.

With no shortage of ideas for developing educational, social and economic exchanges, commission members agreed they will need at least \$10,000 to fund activities for delegates from the sister city.

Town Councilors John Negrucci and Nancy Thompson believe the money will be included in next year's town budget.

Negrucci To Propose A Dollar Amount...

"I will propose a dollar amount to bring to the council and I'm sure the Mayor will include it in the budget next year," Negrucci said. "To entertain a delegation and plan an itinerary, we have to have a permanent commission with funding. We're serious about making this commitment."

Ms. Thompson also was confident the money to permanently fund the commission would be approved by the full council next year.

"I don't think there will be any problem at all getting the council's approval," Ms. Thompson said. "This will be such a positive thing for the

town."

But, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he hasn't been approached by the commission on the issue of funding and he's not ready to set a precedent without first looking into the way other communities fund their sister city commissions.

"When the commission was formed, I didn't form it with the intent that the city would fund its activities," Johnson said. "It's difficult for me to answer a question based on how Springfield funds its sister city commission. Other cities could be using funds from federal community block grants that we don't get in Agawam."

Before making a commitment on funding, Johnson said he would need to know if other cities are taping into business and civic organizations as a source of funding sister city programs.

"If sister city commissions in other cities are using community resources outside the city budget, I would expect our commission to use the same community resources," Johnson said.

Two months ago, the 21-member Italian Sister City Commission chose the town of Frosinone, located 70 miles from Rome in the Region of Lazio, as its first choice for entering into a formalized relationship of educational, social, and economic exchange.

Fire Wise... by Fire Chief David Pisano

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You should not try to fight the fire until the first three steps have been completed. Also, if you cannot get within three to five feet of the fire, if it is more than five feet in height, or if it has spread beyond the point of origin, you should leave the area closing the door behind you.

For information on the use of portable fire extinguishers, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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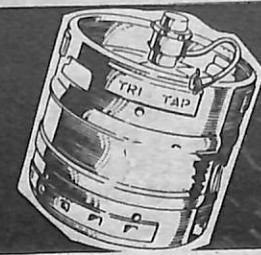
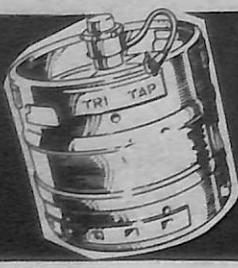
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Letters To The Editor

UNICO's Golf Committee Says Thanks For Support

To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO's Golf Committee wishes to thank all the local businesses that so graciously donated prizes for its recent golf tournament.

The committee wishes to thank all of the 144 golfers who participated and helped to make this day a huge success.

A special thanks also goes out to the staff and members of the AGAWAM MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB, AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS, and the ITALIAN SPORTING CLUB for their assistance with this event.

Agawam UNICO's Golf Committee
Joe Conte, Jr. & Dick DiLullo
Co-chairpersons

Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, July 6th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/15/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
- None.
9. Public Hearings
- None.
10. Old Hearings

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1. TOR-98-4-(PH-98-3)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, in Order to regulate Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam (City Council is Petitioner)(Referred to Ordin. and Zoning Review Committees on 6/15/98) (2nd Reading).
2. TOR-98-5-An Ordinance to Amend Art. II of Chapter 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled Second Hand Motor Vehicles and to Delete Regulation No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Agawam Town Council (Submitted by the Agawam Town Council Rules Committee)(1st Reading).
3. TO-98-29-Application for License for four (4) automatic amusement devices for Fun Farms LLC d/b/a The Sand Trap - 1399 Suffield St., Aga., MA.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Evelyn B. Riley

Evelyn B. Riley, 79, of 43 Lake St., Tupper Lake, New York died on May 26th at the Mercy Health Care Center.

She taught in Schenectady, and was also a longtime teacher in the Agawam schools. Born in Owls Head, she was a graduate of Franklin Academy in Malone, and the Potsdam State Teachers College.

She moved to Tupper Lake in 1981, and worshipped at St. Alphonsus's Church. She belonged to the St. Anne's Society.

Her husband, Michael Riley, died in 1979. She leaves three brothers, Paul Benoit of Owls Head, Winfred of Tupper Lake, and Francis of Albany; three sisters, Edna Livernois of Schenectady, Elsie Cook of Sonoma, California, and Ada More of Saratoga; nephews and nieces.

The funeral was in Tupper Lake. Richer Funeral Home was in charge.

John N. Donatini

John N. Donatini, 93, of 54 Merrell Drive, Agawam died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born in Canaan, Connecticut, he was raised and schooled in Springfield.

He moved later to West Springfield, and settled in Agawam in 1975. He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church in West Springfield, and a member of Local 999 of the Laborers' Union.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Helen M. Galletti, in 1991. He leaves a son, John F. ("Jack") of Granville; a sister, Lena Bertelli of West Springfield, and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Sadie Brown

Sadie (Olson) Brown, 90, formerly of Pheasant Hill, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home. She was a machine operator at Savage Arms

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on June 26, 6:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police
Agawam Police Department

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PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services hereby notifies individuals, who were formerly enrolled in special services and terminated prior to July 1, 1993, that their special services records will be destroyed fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication. Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030 in writing by July 3, 1998. After July 3, 1998 the records will be destroyed.

Godfrey "Gubby" Borgatti

Who Passed Away June 23, 1997



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Candidates are subject to a background investigation, medical and physical fitness standards regulations for municipal public safety personnel.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and application form to: Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 no later than July 3, 1998.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES CALABRESE, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the replacement of the existing two-family residential structure at the premises identified as: 133 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
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Good News About Veterans' Cemetery

We received some good news regarding the State Veterans' Cemetery this week. One of the goals of the Cemetery Committee was to provide a documentary of the events leading up to the Dedication of the first State Veterans' Cemetery located in Agawam.

Bob McKean, Director of External Affairs for the State Dept. of Veterans' Services, and I had a meeting with Steven Kiltonic of Springfield at his request to discuss the possibility of a Springfield Cable Endowment Grant to do a documentary on the Cemetery.

The film could be used throughout the state to allow all veterans and residents the opportunity to view the beautiful property donated by Ed Squazza, and how his generosity touched the hearts of the state's service organizations and the business community throughout Western Mass. who helped make our groundbreaking so spectacular. There will also be personal interviews contained in the documentary.

A grant of \$10,000 was approved by the Springfield Cable Endowment to complete the project. Many thanks to two of our committee members, Rosemary Sandlin, assistant to State Senator Linda J. Melconian, for her assistance in contacting Fred Speckles of Tele-Commercial Productions of Agawam who will be working with Mr. Kiltonic on the project.

And we also extend our sincere appreciation to Dan Walsh, Veterans' Agent, Springfield, for applying for the grant and speaking to the Endowment board to help make it possible. It's an example of the good things that can happen when we all work together.

We have a great committee, and they will all be on board for the planning of Dedication Day 2000. The documentary will then be maintained in the Visitor Center of the State Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam.

AGAWAM VETERANS' HONOR ROLL

The list below are Agawam veterans of WWII whose service is credited to the Town of Agawam

and will be listed on the Honor Roll under those whose last name begins with "D":

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Michael Demko, Felix DePalma, Harold DeShane, James DeVecchi, Perino DeVecchi, John F. Devine, John Dgetluck, Henry C. Dickinson, Jr., Mauro M. DiClemento, Domenic DiDonato, Ralph R. DiDonato, Santi J. DiDonato, Jr., John Diduk, Paul Diduk, Theodore E. Donais, George A. Donnellan, Patricia A. Donnellan, Lawrence H. Doolittle, Edward J. Dougherty, Edmund F. Dowd, Louis D. Draghetti, Stanley M. Drewnowski, William J. Drewnowski, William J. Drzyzga, Edward C. Duclos, Raymond E. Duclos, Roland E. Duclos, Walter Duffy, John L. Dugan, Stanley M. Dugan, Robert E. Dugan, Raymond E. Dumas, Robert E. Dumond, Walter T. Durkan, Raymond M. Durkan *, Roy S. Duval, and Peter P. Dymerski.

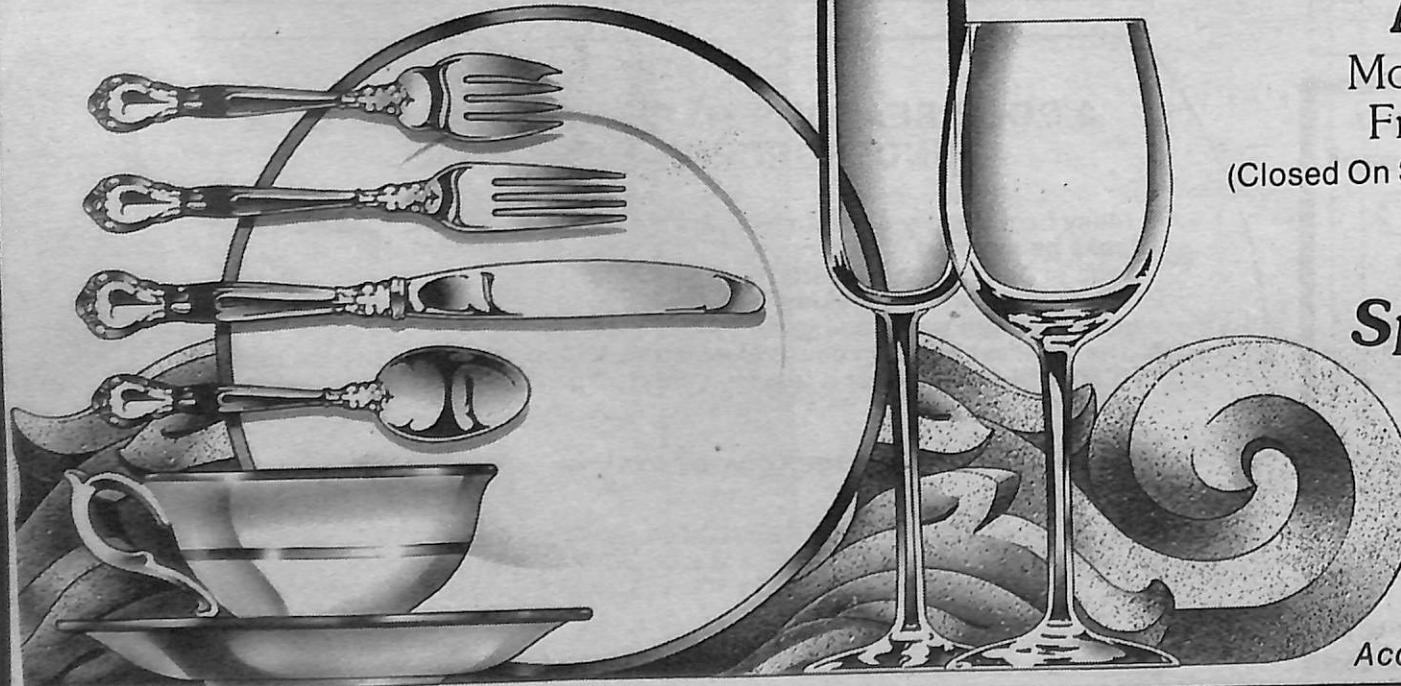
(* Died while in service.)

Please contact Veterans' Services, Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237 with any questions. We need your help in getting the word out to eligible veterans or their families and anyone you may know that may be eligible to be included on the Honor Roll.

Remember, the veterans must have resided in Agawam upon entry into the military to have service credited to the town.

(I will be in conference with Veterans' Agents from across the state next week, and will be bringing you up to date on any and all changes regarding veterans' issues.)

Check our classifieds in each edition...





STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN holds her award from the Armenian Assembly of America. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Storowton Village Has Early American Summer Days Program

Send your children on an exciting historic journey into the 19th century by enrolling them in Storowton Village Museum's Early American Summer Days Program.

Two program sessions are open to children ages seven through 12, and take place August 3rd-7th and August 10th-14th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost of each session is \$125 per child. Register and pay by June 1st to receive a 10 percent discount.

Storowton Village Museum is located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Storowton Village also has opportunities for junior camp counselors (ages 14 and 15) and senior counselors (ages 16 and over).

For more information on this exciting opportunity for your child, please contact Dennis Picard, Storowton Village Museum's program coordinator, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (413) 787-0136.

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Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian Receives National Appreciation Award

The Armenian Assembly of America presented Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) with a national appreciation award June 6th, honoring her for founding the Armenian Summer Internship Program in Washington as Assistant Counsel to the legendary late Speaker of the House, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

Melconian was honored at the Armenian Assembly of America's National Tribute Gala. Over 300 Armenian-Americans from across the country came to celebrate the event and pay tribute to the 20th anniversary of the Assembly's Summer Internship Program.

Melconian began the internship program after discussions with well-known Assembly activist Robert Kaloosdian, one of O'Neill's constituents. Kaloosdian and Melconian formed the idea of placing Armenian youth in congressional and governmental internships throughout Washington. The first interns were placed in the office of the Speaker and other legislative offices. To date, over 600 Armenians have been placed in summer internships as a result of Melconian's efforts.

"The Internship Program opens the eyes of our young people. It serves to plant the seeds of learning and opportunity in their young, fertile minds. That's what the Armenian Assembly Internship

Program is all about," Melconian said. Melconian challenged the Assembly to reach the goal of 1,000 intern alumni by the 30th anniversary of the program.

Melconian had the honor of presenting posthumously an award to her former boss and mentor, the late Speaker O'Neill, honoring him for his service to the Armenian community. O'Neill's daughter, Rosemary, accepted the painting of Armenian children's art on behalf of her father.

The featured speaker at the event, newly-appointed Armenian Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanian, told the crowd that Armenia was serious about peace with Azerbaijan and Turkey. Although relations with Turkey remain tense and hostile, Oskanian is hopeful that Turkey will recognize its role in the Armenian Genocide. Once this happens, Oskanian sees hope for peace.

"For the past seven years, Turkey has refused to establish diplomatic ties with Armenia, and since 1993, has been blockading Armenia. If Turkey continues to have a negative attitude, Armenia will reciprocate in a similar manner. If Turkey changes its position and adopts a positive approach, Armenia is willing to respond similarly," Oskanian said.

Oskanian is part of the new Republic of Armenia under the leadership of President Robert Kocharyan.

Free Admission To Storowton Village Museum On "Opening Day," June 27th

Storowton Village Museum will mark the official opening of its summer season on Saturday, June 27th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. by waiving its usual entrance fee for tours of its historic buildings.

Following Opening Day, the Village will be open for tours June 29th through August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 16, and free for children under six. Members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Night on the Town, Big Y Express Club, and AAA are eligible to receive an admission discount.

This picturesque "Village," located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, consists of a Meeting House, a School House, a Blacksmith Shop, the Eddy Law Office, the John Potter Man-

sion, and the Gilbert Farmhouse. All buildings are staffed by costumed docents who provide information and answer questions. A trip to the Village's newest exhibit, The General Store, located in the Potter Mansion, will evoke visions of the past when folks truly knew the meaning of "one-stop shopping."

Storowton Village Museum is an authentic, reconstructed village comprised of nine 18th and 19th century buildings from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Constructed around a town green, the Village was made possible by the efforts of the late Helen O. Storow, an outdoor enthusiast and former Eastern States Exposition trustee. At Storowton visitors have the opportunity to step back and immerse themselves in the lifestyle of days gone by.

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“Touring” Agawam’s Historic Homes...



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, the Agawam Historical Association held its fifth annual House & Garden Tour. Among the houses on the tour was the home of Fred Withee. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Fred's mother, Ann Withee, inside the house. IN PHOTO BELOW: An exterior view of the Withee house, which is located at 1100 River Road, Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Massachusetts Emblem Clubs Attend 66th Annual Convention

The Massachusetts State Association of Emblem Clubs held their 66th Annual Convention June 4th-7th at the Seacrest Resort and Conference Center, North Falmouth, MA.

The West Springfield-Agawam Club No. 526 was represented by President LouAnn Foley. Also in attendance were Agnes Hanna, Arlene McGavin, Jeanne Norton, Elizabeth Glidden, and Sue O'Connor, who are all past presidents of the local club.

There were 12 scholarships, three scholarship extensions, and one Book Award given, for a total of \$21,500. The major project of the Massachusetts State Association is the Kidney Dialysis and Treatment Association, which received a total of \$11,000 this year to aid kidney patients and their families.

The West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club awarded a scholarship at their June 11th meeting to Daniel Osella of Westfield, who is the son of Vice President Christine Osella and grandson of our deceased Charter President, Katherine Osella.

Scout Pack 75 Seeks New Members Before Start Of September

Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, is looking for new members for the Pack's September starting date.

Openings are available for first grade Tigers and parents; second grade Bob Cats and Wolves; third grade Bears; and fourth and fifth grade Webelos.

Yes, we would like you to join our Scouting family. Parents welcome, also.

There are Den meetings weekly and Pack meetings monthly. Den and Pack activities include District and Council events. Tiger events include “Tiger Quest” as well as the other Pack events, including popcorn sales, Bowl-A-Thon, Pinewood Derby, Cub Day Camp, Hike-A-Thon, Webelos Woods, Residence Camp, Blue & Gold Banquet, Memorial Day Parade, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, as well as field trips with their Dens.

This is just a sampling of what the Scouts do. Pack 75 is also a Quality Unit Pack.

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The Roberts Bros. Circus is coming to FEEDING HILLS on FRIDAY, JULY 3rd. Roberts Bros. Circus is family-owned and operated and is dedicated to entertaining the child in all of us.

This circus has toured the United States since 1974. With a crew of about 45 people, the circus will change an empty field into a magical wonderland for the day.

This year's 90-minute performance features clowns, aerialists, high acts, jugglers, llamas, liberty ponies, performing poodles, Lisa the elephant, and much more. There are many things to do out on the midway before the show starts, so come early. The circus will erect its giant tents at the POLISH AMERICAN CLUB GROUNDS. Showtimes are 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A free tour is offered at 9:30 a.m. the morning of the circus. This is great fun for school groups and individuals to watch the circus tent being set up. You may even be in time to have breakfast with Lisa and some of the other animals. No prior arrangements are necessary.



AT COUNTRY ESTATES on Thursday, June 11th, the following individuals were elected as the new officers of the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club: Richard Januska, vice president of public relations; Dave Henderson, treasurer; Judith D'Ambrosia, sergeant-at-arms; Nancy Piela, vice president of education; Verna Urbanski, secretary; Mark Proulx, vice president of membership; and Jim McDougal, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club Elects New Officers At June 11th Meeting

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club met Thursday, June 11th to elect new officers. Elected were Jim McDougal, president; Nancy Piela, vice president of education; Mark Proulx, vice president of membership; Dave Henderson, treasurer; Richard Januska, vice president of public relations; Verna Urbanski, secretary; and Judy D'Ambrosia, sergeant-at-arms.

The club meets the second and fourth

Thursdays of each month at Country Estates on Suffield Street at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of Toastmasters is to help its members learn to communicate better, both formally and informally.

If you would like to improve your ability to communicate both on an individual and corporate level, come visit our club or call Jim McDougal (789-2925) or Mark Proulx (789-0591).

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!



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MR. & MRS. BOB JOHNSON

Bob And Marilyn Johnson Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Bob and Marilyn Johnson recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on June 21, 1958 in Mamaroneck, New York.

The couple celebrated by vacationing in Europe. They visited London, England. They then cruised on the Rhine River, visiting Germany, France, and Switzerland. A family celebration was held locally at the Delaney House in Holyoke.

The couple have four children; Robert, Jr. and Christopher, both of Agawam, Dana Greer of South Portland, Maine, and Beverly of Wethersfield, Connecticut. They have three grandchildren; Robert III, Jordan, and Michael.

Bob is retired from Stabel, Inc. of Springfield. His wife, the former Marilyn Carpenter, was a nurse at Agawam Jr. High School.

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Also for sale are pillows featuring the covered bridge built over the Agawam River in 1850. The pillows are \$15.

If interested, contact Joanne Rocca, 27 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 29th: Beef barley soup, chicken cutlet on a roll with tomato and lettuce, potato puff, peaches.

Tuesday, June 30th: Baked macaroni and cheese, grape juice, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, plums.

Wednesday, July 1st: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, apricots.

Thursday, July 2nd: Hot dogs on a roll, baked beans, cole slaw, corn on the cob, ice cream.

Friday, July 3rd: Senior Center closed (due to the July 4th holiday).

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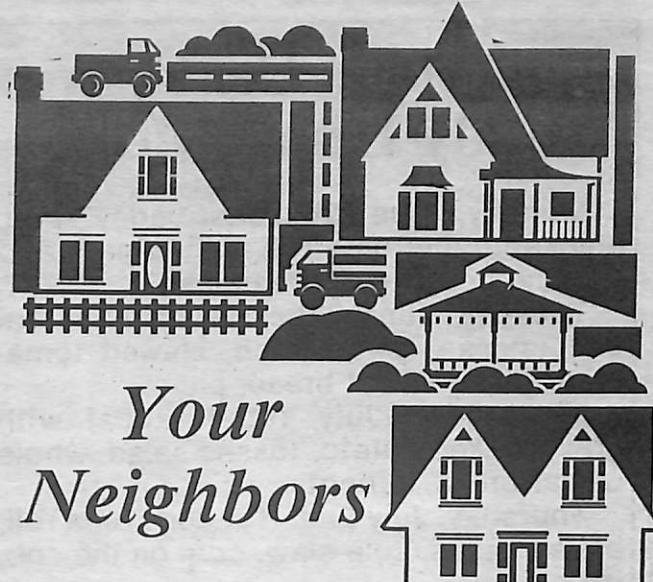
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Scouting Is A Lifelong Passion For Richard Gingras

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

It was the advancement program of Boy Scouting and the growth entailed that kept Richard Gingras of Monroe Street, Agawam involved with Boy Scouts from boyhood through manhood.

The progression of achievement that is the core of Boy Scouts never lost its fascination for Gingras, he said in a recent interview.

He joined Boy Scouts at the age of 12 and advanced up the ranks through Eagle Scout. He was on the committee of Troop 89 sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club. "The troop had 122 boys and was the largest troop ever heard of," Gingras said. He was a troop leader when he was 21.

But he was also a Sea Scout in his teens and recalled the organization maintained five, 32-foot sailboats on the Connecticut River for teaching seamanship. His dad let him build a 12-foot sailboat on the lawn of their West Springfield home.

A handsome mahogany chest with brass corners made by the Sea Scout contains reminders of those important years. There is a depth finder, made from cord with a yellow-filled sinker and tiny colored flags along the cord marking fathoms. When lowered overboard, it indicates depth of the water.

There is a gyroscope and a Poiris compass with intricate details beautifully assembled by the young Sea Scout and demonstrated by Dick. He also learned the international flag code and has a set of flags with letters on back used by sailors for internship communications.

He left Sea Scouts when he joined the U.S. Navy and didn't return. After the Navy, he continued in the Boy Scouts.

Born in Vermont, Dick's family moved to West Springfield when he was three years-old. He graduated from West Springfield High School and married Barbara Guertin in 1941. The couple have three sons; Richard Jr., Bob, and David. Dick bought property on Monroe Street in Agawam Center and designed the Dutch colonial home they still live in.

Dick was employed as an engineer by Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut in 1939 and was a design product engineer when he retired in 1989.

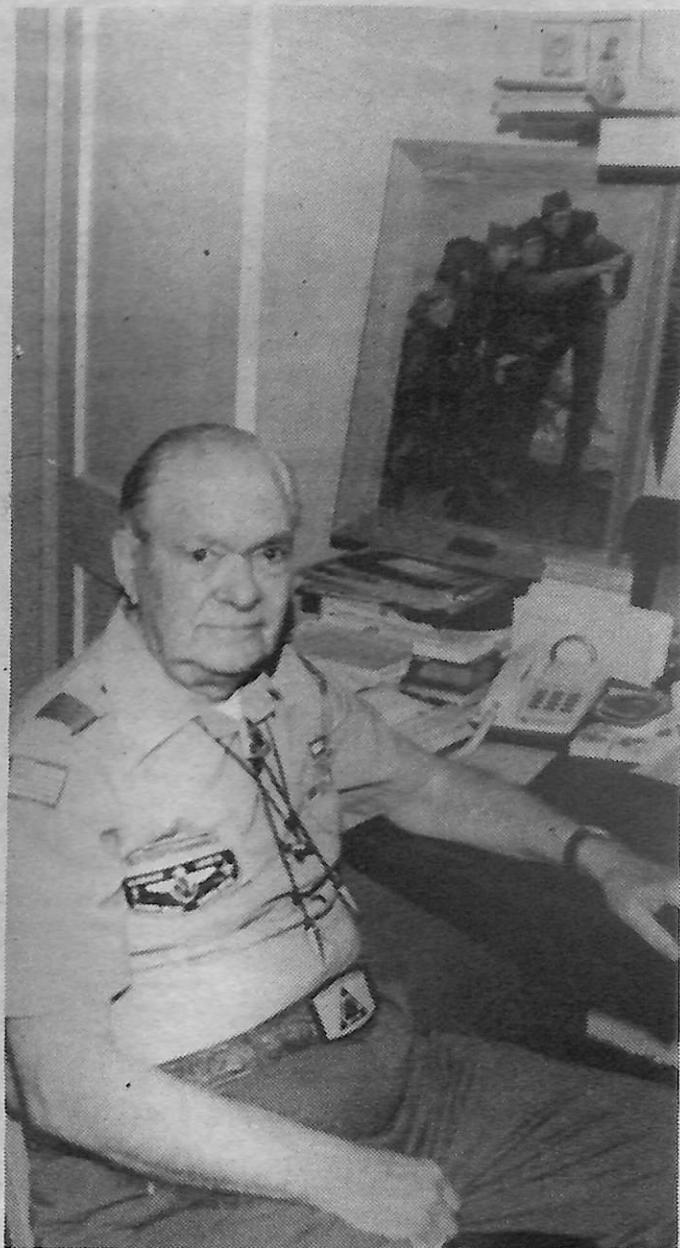
He said he received the "Golden Handshake" and was unemployed for a year when he got a call from Consultant & Design Engineer Company of New York. That company was seeking experienced engineers for available jobs. He was placed with Pratt & Whitney as a consultant and spent another 13 years doing the work he had previously done, but his salary came from the New York firm. He retired in 1989 after working at the Connecticut company for a combined 50 years and three months.

As a committee member for Troop 89, Dick was keeper of records for advanced programs. In 1959, he was elected by his troop to membership in the Order of the Arrow, an honor group within Boy Scouting.

He was asked to be an advisor to the Order of the Arrow for Hampden and Hampshire Councils. It's a position he has held for five years, and he was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for this work.

On the Executive Board of Pioneer Valley Council for 20 years, he is on the Eagle Scout Board of Review which meets monthly to review applicants. "Last year, 59 boys made Eagle Scout

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RICHARD GINGRAS of Monroe Street, Agawam, is living proof that scouting is fun for both the young and the young-at-heart.

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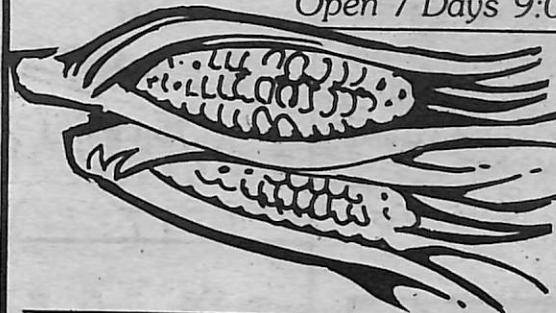
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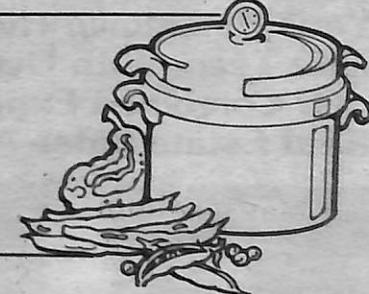
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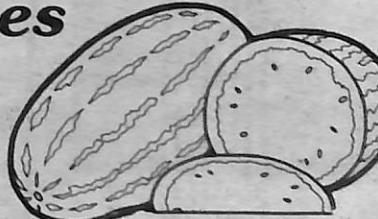
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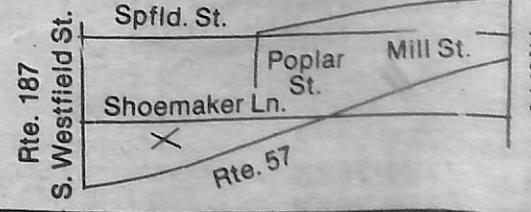
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here," Dick said. "This is the largest group ever. We don't expect 100 percent of the boys to make it, and we love hearing their answers to the questions they are asked."

He called Boy Scouting "character building," adding, "We try to teach scouts to do good, choose right things, and have fun doing it."

Two of Dick's engineering designs have patents applied for in his name by Pratt & Whitney and approved. One is for a mechanical air foil retention. It keeps the propeller blade of an airplane from flying off the compressor when in motion. The patent was issued in July 1960.

The second patent is for a gear box that allows maintenance people to remove the power shaft that goes through the center of the airplane engine without taking the entire front end of the engine apart. The patent was issued in January 1986.

Dick received an amount of cash and beautiful plaques for each of these designs.

As the sons grew up, one of the Gingras' bedrooms became what Dick calls "the scout office." It is tastefully decorated with much scouting memorabilia, as well as his Pratt & Whitney retirement and patent plaques.

There is an impressive walking staff with carvings on it that depict Dick's personal scout history (given to him when he was advisor to the Order of the Arrow). There is also a large framed Norman Rockwell print showing the degrees of scouting, and he has programs from annual banquets from 1979 to date.

There are also old newspapers, one from December 8, 1941 when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor starting U.S. participation in World War II, and one from May 7, 1945 announcing "Victory in Europe" in World War II. There are other items too numerous to detail.

From his scout office at home, Dick Gingras continues his work among the achievements and souvenirs of a lifetime.

Agawam's Golden Age Club's (Chapter 1) Calendar For July

Friday, July 3rd: Board of Directors' Meeting to be held at the President Dore's residence at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8th: Chicken barbecue at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills. Meals served at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Elaine Manchester on keyboard and vocalist Inez Daniels.

Thursday, July 9th: A day trip to the Mohegan Sun.

Tuesday, July 21st: A day trip to Mountainside in Wallingford, CT.

Wednesday, July 22nd: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Sy Becker of Channel 22. (Rescheduled from our May meeting).

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PICTURED ABOVE IS ONE OF FIVE SEA SCOUT SHIPS that, according to Richard Gingras, were used locally for training in the 1930's. This photo was taken while the ship was on exhibit at the Eastern States Exposition. Photo courtesy of Richard Gingras.



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Golden Age Club's (Ch. 2) Calendar For Month Of July

Wednesday July 1st: Chicken barbecue at Shaker Farms Country Club at 12:00 noon. Entertainment by the Agawam Senior Melody Band.

Monday, July 6th: Bus trip to Rockingham, New Hampshire (horses).

Wednesday, July 15th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Variety entertainment by Joan Linnehan.

Tuesday, July 21st: Lobster bake at Delaney House. Entertainment by "The Burns & Kausman Musical Show."

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Lisa is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1998 graduate of Syracuse University. Phil is a 1993 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania and a 1997 graduate of Syracuse University. He is presently employed by the World Wrestling Federation in Stamford, Connecticut.

AHS's Class Of 1978 Schedules 20-Year Reunion For November

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Details will be sent out at a later date. If you have moved in the last five years or know of anyone who has, please let us know. We need to update our mailing list.

We are also looking for anyone who has any memorabilia from our class in 1978. Please drop a note to Shelley (Borgatti) Reed, 10 Shelley Lane, Feeding Hills, MA or call Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson at (413) 789-2335.



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Church News

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the fourth Sunday after Pentecost, are 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, and Luke 9:51-62. Li-Ling Waller will be Lector.

The sermon title this week is "Simple Choices, Powerful Changes." Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be a Special Meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Church Council on Sunday, June 28, 1998 immediately following worship to act upon the following:

1. To consider the feasibility of moving the driveway entrance to the North side of the church. (Tabled at a special meeting on March 29, 1998.)

2. Transfer \$2,000 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Reserve Fund to hire a Christian Education Director.

The church office will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This schedule should continue for the months of July and August.

Anyone interested in attending an all-church retreat at Warner Farm is welcome to do so on July 11th. The retreat, led by Rev. Rich Fournier, will include a day-long introduction and invitation to the Christian spiritual life.

Our day together will alternate among presentation, discussion, solitude, and fellowship as we explore ways in which we can develop and deepen

St. David's Vacation Bible School Slated For July 6th-10th

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our relationship with the spirit, in our lives and in the life of the world. There is also an option to spend the night and extend the retreat for another day.

Those interested in attending are asked to speak to Diane Fiejdasz (786-3022) or use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall.

The Board of Christian Education has announced that Vacation Bible School will take place once again at this church. There will be two Sunday sessions during the month of August.

Please save August 2nd and August 16th from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon for your children to come to church for some fun summertime activities. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

It may seem like the Eastern States Exposition events are a long way off. However, the gears are already turning in this church to get things ready.

There will be a meeting of the Big E Committee on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:30 p.m. Lots of helpers are needed at this time to organize things and make sure there are enough hands to get the job done in September. Please speak to Matt Granger or Rev. Donaldson if you would like to help.

On the calendar:
 Thursday, June 25th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
 Saturday, June 27th: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Christian Ed trip to Salem, MA.
 Sunday, June 28th: 9:15 a.m., Worship followed by Special Meeting.
 Tuesday, June 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
 Wednesday, July 1st: 7:30 p.m., Big E meeting.
 Thursday, July 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Valley Community Church To Hold Benefit Tag Sale

The Valley Community Church will hold its annual Benefit Tag Sale on Saturday, June 27th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the south lawn.

In addition to the antiques, collectibles, bric-a-brac, and children's toys and books, food will be on sale throughout the day, including delicious homemade strawberry shortcake.

There will be a large table space for church sale items, and donations are still being accepted for good, clean items.

Set-up space is also available for those who wish to sell their own items. The cost per space is \$15.

For more information, call 786-2445 and leave a message.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 28th, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Free to Love, Free to Serve," taken from Text: Galatians 5:1, 13-25. His Children's Message will be "A Clean Path."

The Adult Education Classes will resume this Sunday, June 28th, at 11:00 a.m., held in the Church Library, following the Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend these classes. This week's class will be led by Suanne Hansen.

The Summer Church School curriculum for all church school ages (pre-school through sixth grade) continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is jello. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Summer Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for July 27th through July 31st, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend the camp. Older youths can volunteer as helpers to assist the teachers.

The cost of the camp is \$7 per child; the third child is free! Registration forms are available in the church office.

We now have nine adult helpers, but we need at least 16 more! Please consider taking time to help us out to make this camp a huge success. Without YOU this cannot happen!

For more information, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

Reminder: The Church Office Summer Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Please send resume to the Agawam Public Schools, Mr. Donald J. Charest, Associate Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 by July 15, 1998.

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Happenings At First Baptist Church

"Out of a Bad Situation" will be the message of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship.

He will use his scriptural text 2 Samuel 11. Assisting him in leadership will be Joyce Bailey, who will lead the responsive reading. This will be the final Sunday of the season when the choir will sing. Special anthems are planned.

Greeters for the morning include Norma & Dutch Werthamer and Joyce Geiger. Children's church will be held at 10:00 a.m. There will be a time of fellowship for all following the worship service.

Nursery care is always available. If you are a visitor in town, you are welcome to attend our services.

The Students and Servicemen Committee will be convened immediately following worship. If you are a member of this committee, it is important that you attend.

The Board of Deacons will hold their regular meeting, also this Sunday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lockhart Parlor.

Each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:15 p.m., a group of fun-loving spirited people meet in Lower Bodurtha Hall for gentle aerobics. If you would like to get back "in shape" for the summer, call Gail Dello Russo, 786-5452 to sign-up.

Members of the Youth Group will be taking a mission trip from June 25th to July 1st. They will be in the Ocean Park area working with a church agency in Portland, Maine.

We will be reporting the results of this effort after the trip is completed.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, July 3rd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 3rd from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

"Church News" is another reason why you turn our pages ... AAN!!!

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Happy 30th! "Ninie"

6/27/98



Lots Of Love,
Mom, Dad, Kellie,
Mike & Mike

Calendar Of News And Upcoming Events At St. John's Parish In Agawam

PARISH BAPTISMS

Last month we welcomed the following children in to the Body of Christ via Baptism:

Margaret Irene Frawley, child of John & Christine; Meredith Ann Kennedy, child of Robbie & Tracy; Thomas Paul Kervia, child of Robert & Janet; Max Dean Molta, child of Dean & Sylvia; Joshua Michael Shea, child of John & Micheline; Julia Elizabeth Talbot, child of Peter & Elizabeth.

BIBLE CAMP

Our annual Bible Camp for children ages four through eight will be held during the week of July 6th-10th. Camp will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon each day. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

OVER 60 CLUB

The trip for the group is the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a full-length ballet: Jewels. Date:

July 9th. Cost: \$57. If interested and would like to be on a waiting list, call Lili at 786-9586.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD Registration for 1998-99: Come to the Parish Office during business hours. All registrations should be in by September 1st, so the program can get off to a smooth start, but the earlier the better.

Child safety has led to a new schedule for classes:

Grades 1-4, Saturday morning, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (same); grades 5-7, Tuesday evening, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; grades 8-10, Monday evenings, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation: Grade 11, Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

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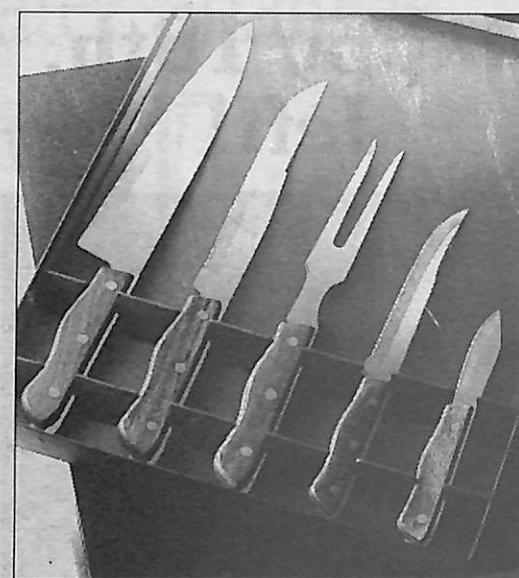
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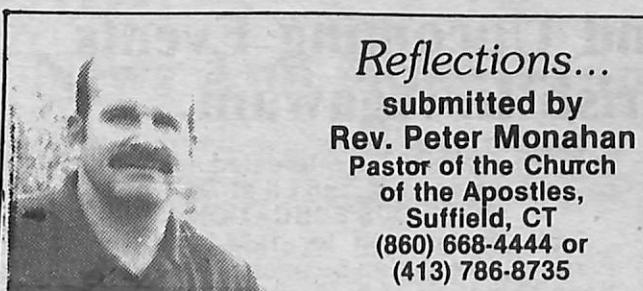
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Church News - continued...

Reflections...
submitted by
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Choices

Like it or not, life is all about making choices. Sometimes, we are faced with the need to decide between two or more good choices. Those who are graduating from high school or college are in this position. Whether or not to go on to college or grad school, and if so, where, can challenge a person. Still, that person is choosing between potentially pleasant alternatives.

Like it or not, each of us is forced to choose either for or against God. In this instance, we are not deciding between two or more good choices. The Bible tells us that there are only two choices to choose from; one who is good, or the other, who is evil. There are no other choices, and there is no middle ground.

Jesus described God as "Father," as well as "Heavenly Father." By doing so, He described God as one who is loving, giving, and generous. The ideal father is one who is all these, and is also emotionally intimate with his children. Those of us with fathers who are or were distant from us know in our hearts that in this particular regard, there was something wrong with our father, or at least our relationship with him. God is the ideal and perfect father. He is always available to each of us, and is always ready, willing, and able to be emotionally intimate with us.

Jesus also said there is another father roaming around. He is the devil. Jesus described Satan as the "father of lies." Jesus accused some people

Bethany Church To Offer Vacation Bible School

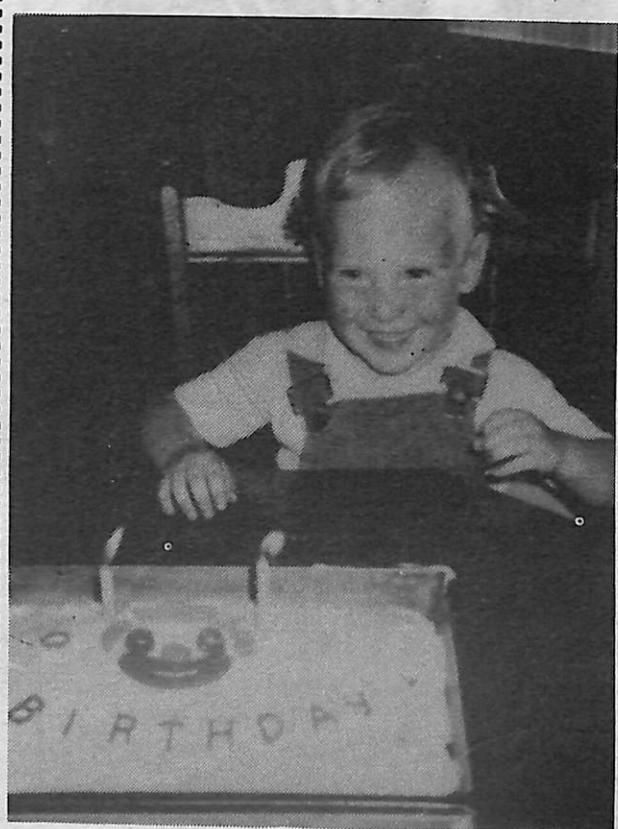
Bethany Church of 580 Main Street, Agawam will host "Sonlight Island Vacation Bible School" July 20th-24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Join us for a tropical treasure hunt on Sonlight Island! You'll have fun in the warmth of the Son, with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs, and skits. Discover the greatest treasure of all, God's love, as you explore 1 Corinthians 13.

For more information, call 413-789-2930.

Rev. Peter Monahan's column, "Reflections," is a weekly feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...

Happy 18th, Jeff!



Love,
Mom, Dad, & Selena

who had chosen to follow Satan as being just like their leader. "You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Though it is very likely that many would like it to be otherwise, our choices about God boil down to only two. We are either for Him, and choose to live in relationship with Him on His terms, or we are against Him. As unpleasant and disturbing as it is, we need to realize that choosing against God means choosing for the devil. This may seem harsh and impolitic in our pluralistic society, but in reality it would be horribly unfair not to at least inform those who choose against God what they are getting into.

Each choice has consequences, both for this life and the hereafter. The Bible tells us, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him." Suffice it to say that the devil's deal is not nearly as good. For this life, God wants to pour love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control into our lives. Experience tells us that this is an ongoing process, the benefits of which increase over time. By contrast, the devil, too, has a plan for our lives, and it is miserable. The devil's plan for humans includes sexual immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, anger, selfish ambition, rebellion, heresy, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like.

Unlike the high school and college graduates in our midst, we are not deciding between competitively good choices. There are not several to choose from. There are only two. One is unquestionably beneficial, while the other is obviously disastrous. We cannot avoid reality, each of us has a choice to make. Let us choose wisely. Jesus tries to make it easy for us. Jesus says to each of us, "Follow Me."

St. John's Over-60 Club Plans Four-Day Trip For November

St. John's Over-60 Club from St. John the Evangelist Church has a four-day trip planned for November 3rd through November 6th — "Lancaster Show Stopper" with Noah and Gettysburg.

The cost is \$370 per person (double occupancy), which includes all tips for the bus driver and the tour guides.

We invite anyone to join us. For more information, please call Lil Doyle, 786-9586.

See The Fireworks From Valley Community Church

If you would really like to sit and watch all the fireworks filling the skies around our community, but do not want to fight the traffic, we have just the spot for you.

Take a drive up the hill to Valley Community Church and see the spectacular sights surrounding our area. You will have a "birds-eye" view of the fireworks in Springfield as well as those from nearby towns.

A "cook-out menu" of hot dogs and hamburgers, coffee and soda, as well as brownies will also be sold for those who want to come early and "get the best spot" on the hill.

So grab your family and neighbors, your lawn chairs and blankets (and don't forget your bug spray!) and plan to enjoy an evening of good fun, ooh's and aah's, and some spectacular fireworks as you sit "high on a hilltop" overlooking the wondrous sights that God has put before you.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield St. For further information about the fireworks, please call Shirley at 786-2576 or Kathy at 789-1376.

Valley Community To Say Good-Bye To Pastor Dennehy

A "Thank You Celebration" will be held on Sunday, June 28th as members and friends of Pastor Steve Dennehy join him for his final worship service as pastor of Valley Community Church.

During the past 4½ years, Pastor Steve has touched the lives of many within the church as well as within the community. Through his ministry, the church has seen a rebirth, a renewal of faith, and a dedication of joyfully following the Word of God. And with this restored commitment, the church family is now eagerly anticipating full-time ministry.

We invite anyone whose life has been touched by Pastor Steve to join this special morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. A celebration brunch featuring food, fellowship, pictures, songs, and memories will be held immediately following the service.

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"Summerriment Under The Trees" Is Coming To Immaculate Conception Parish

Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate "Summerriment Under the Trees," presented by the Social Club of West Springfield's Immaculate Conception Parish.

The date — Saturday, June 27th — is earlier this year to take advantage of what we hope will be the cooler part of the season. School will be out, and we are putting a lot of effort into our first summer '98 offering to make it a memorable family and community event, as well as a success for our renovation fund.

The "Strawberry Carnival" portion of the festival begins the eventful day at 11:00 a.m. Strawberry Productions will entertain every member of the family with puppets and other colorful presentations. Look for Rick the Stiltwalker and his "one-man band" and also the dancers of Mary Ann Studios. The West Springfield Color Guard will be here, too.

Children can have more fun at a sand art booth. Friendly animal characters will smile with you if you'd like your picture taken, whether or not you've already visited the face-painting booth. Among other parish entertainments are pony rides (during the day) and the annual pie-eating contest (at 5:00 p.m.).

Throughout the day, popular crafters will offer a variety of handmade items, the St. Jude Gift Shoppe will have religious articles for sale, and a 50/50 cash drawing will be ongoing. Antique cars will be on display at various spots around the church grounds.

Until nearly 9:00 p.m., visitors can purchase tickets for several drawings. The Social Club has lined up some wonderful grand prizes, with tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. First prize happens to be a three-night Bahama Princess Resort stay for

two, second prize is a five-piece patio set with umbrella, third a romance picnic basket, and six other prizes follow.

The St. Jude Gift Shoppe will offer an "angels" drawing. Two children's bicycles, one each for boy and girl, are ready for the happy winners. ***

A children's Liturgy will take place at 4:00 p.m., as is the custom each year. Following the Mass, the "Summerriment Under the Trees" Evening Festival begins with our annual anyone-can-try pie-eating contest. Then we'll warm up the stage with the Golden Blue Ribbon Singers and other entertainers, so be sure you carry along a chair or lawn blanket!

You'll want to stay longer once our headliners start up: "Buddy Holly and the Crickets," fresh from their engagement at the town's Majestic Theater, along with, of course, "Ritchie Valens" and "The Big Bopper," will get us all stompin' and singin' late into the night.

At about 9:00 p.m. during intermission, all drawing winners will be announced. Then this great group of teen idols of the 1950's will do an encore! Any adults who can't dance another note can wander over to the games of chance or find a cool drink.

All good things must end, and our Festival Day will be closed down by 11:00 p.m. If you don't want us to have to follow "plan B" (inside the school's bingo hall, although spacious and redone), please petition the Weather Chairman to send us some cool, early summer weather.

Either way, come along with your family and friends to 475 Main Street, West Springfield, on the last Saturday this month, and take part in the multi-community spirit of fun.

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Crafters Sought For St. Thomas's Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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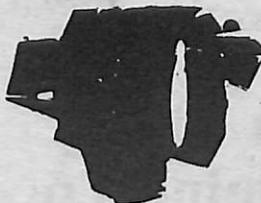
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Cutting Your Debt ... Part II

Last week, we looked at the first four steps you should be taking if you happen to find yourself deeper in debt than you had originally thought. This week, we'll look at the remaining four steps necessary to controlling your debt.

These simple steps can be easily accomplished, and I strongly urge you to read the info listed below ... and set your goals.

With the economy showing no noticeable improvements, there's all the more reason for you to take charge of your personal finances, especially your debt. List your problems areas ... set your goals ... make a plan ... and JUST DO IT! Best wishes!

RULE 5: CONSIDER REFINANCING YOUR MORTGAGE ... By trading in your mortgage for a new one with a lower interest rate, you can slash your monthly payment and thus your borrowing costs. For example, say that you've been paying a 12-percent, 30-year, fixed-rate loan for five years and you still owe \$100,000. If mortgage rates have fallen to eight percent and you refinance the balance of your mortgage, you could lower your payments by more than \$200 a month.

Many people believe that refinancing only makes sense if today's interest rates are two points lower than your current rate ... but that's a myth! The bottom line to refinancing is you must take the time to figure out the actual numbers (please feel comfortable to call me with any questions in this area).

RULE 6: TELEPHONE YOUR CREDITORS IF YOU CAN'T MEET PAYMENTS ... Like a bad muffer on a car, a debt you cannot pay is a bad problem to ignore. If you're unable to pay lenders on time, be up front with them. Say what the problem is and what you think you can pay per month to get the debt "out of the way."

The creditor probably has repayment guidelines based on how long you have been a customer, how much you owe, how long you have been delinquent, and your payment record.

RULE 7: WHEN A CREDITOR REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER, SEEK OUTSIDE HELP ... Head for the nearest non-profit credit counseling

service, which you can find by checking the yellow pages. A credit counselor will review your debts and your ability to pay them and help you to set up a supervised payment plan.

Typically, the first consultation is free. After that, you'll be charged according to your ability to pay. Usually, the counselor devises a two- or three-year schedule for liquidating your debts. He or she determines how much you can afford to pay each month and allots a share of the total to each of your creditors.

The counselor then notifies your lenders to get off your back. Each month, you write a check to the counseling service for the overall specified repayment amount, and the counselor mails out separate checks to your creditors.

RULE 8: IF ALL ELSE FAILS, FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY. Start weighing this desperate measure when creditors threaten to seize part of your wages through a court process called garnishment. Bankruptcy stops creditors from hounding you by putting you under the protection of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

But filing for bankruptcy has some ugly drawbacks. First, you'll have to liquidate most of your assets, probably including your house, if you have one. Then a record of the bankruptcy will show up in your credit bureau files for as long as a decade.

You won't have to wear a scarlet letter, but you will be sentenced to a long term of paying cash for practically everything. Getting a mortgage or car loan may be quite hard (but not impossible) over the following years.

There are two forms of personal bankruptcy. Under the wage earner plan, called Chapter 13, a court trustee supervises the full or partial repayment of your debts, usually over three to five years. Under a straight, or Chapter 7, bankruptcy, the court apportions most of your assets among creditors.

Federal law, unless overruled by state limits, protects \$7,500 (\$15,000 for a married couple) of the equity in a home and about \$4,000 of furnishings and clothing, plus a few designated items such as life insurance cash value. The balance of your debts gets wiped out. Exceptions include alimony, child support, three years' back taxes, and some government-subsidized student loans.

Bankruptcy's recent popularity — up more than 90 percent since 1984 — perhaps proves that it is not the disgrace it used to be. But going bankrupt is surely the hardest way to learn one of life's basic skills.

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- Lap pools.
- Family rooms.
- Big, old trees.
- Local plants.
- Kitchen islands.
- Soaking tubs.
- Cherry cabinets.
- Curving walks.
- Fountains, waterfalls.
- Paint.
- Large porches.
- Picket fences.
- Media center.
- Back staircases.
- Wood floors.
- Prairie-style windows.

OUT

- Electric ranges.
- Stucco ceilings.
- Marble.
- Libraries.
- Hot tubs.
- Finished basements.
- Saplings.
- Grassy lawns, bushes.
- Breakfast bars.
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**Premarital Agreements**

In recent years there has been growing interest in the use of premarital agreements to plan for marriage, and even to plan for death or the contingency of divorce in the event that the marriage does not work out. Such agreements have been given increased recognition by the courts.

Agreements between persons who are engaged to be married have traditionally been called "antenuptial" or "prenuptial" agreements in Massachusetts. In recent years there has been a tendency to refer to such agreements simply as "premarital" agreements.

It may appear as a matter of first impression that premarital planning for the contingency of divorce is absurd and contrary to the hope for success which most engaged couples bring to their marriage. However, a growing number of persons consult attorneys with precisely this goal in mind. In many cases this is due to an unhappy prior divorce experience of one or both of the contracting parties, who choose to believe that in the event their marriage fails, some degree of financial premarital planning will mitigate the effect of the failure.

In upholding the enforcement of premarital

agreements, the Massachusetts courts have added the important qualification that such agreements must be fair and reasonable both at the time of execution and "at the time of the entry of the judgment nisi."

In **Osborne v. Osborne** 384 Mass. 591, 1981, the Supreme Judicial Court concluded that "the antenuptial contract is controlling on all claims of the husband, and, therefore, we do not reach the questions relating to the proper application of G.L. chapter 208, section 34" (division of marital property). Thus, a properly drafted, fair, and reasonable premarital agreement can be used to avoid a judicial determination of property division and alimony. However, the court will not apply a waiver of marital rights in a premarital agreement when to do so would itself be unfair.

Need For Independent Counsel

An attorney cannot undertake to provide legal representation in circumstances where a conflict of interest exists. It is clear that since a premarital agreement defines legal rights and liabilities as between parties whose financial interests are or may be at some future date adverse to each other, that one lawyer cannot advise and represent both parties to the agreement.

Whether the court will enforce, in whole or in part, the provisions of a premarital agreement depends in part upon the court finding:

1. The agreement contains fair and reasonable provisions measured at the time of its execution;
2. The parties were "fully informed" of the other party's worth prior to the agreement, and
3. The agreement is fair and reasonable at the time of the applicable divorce.

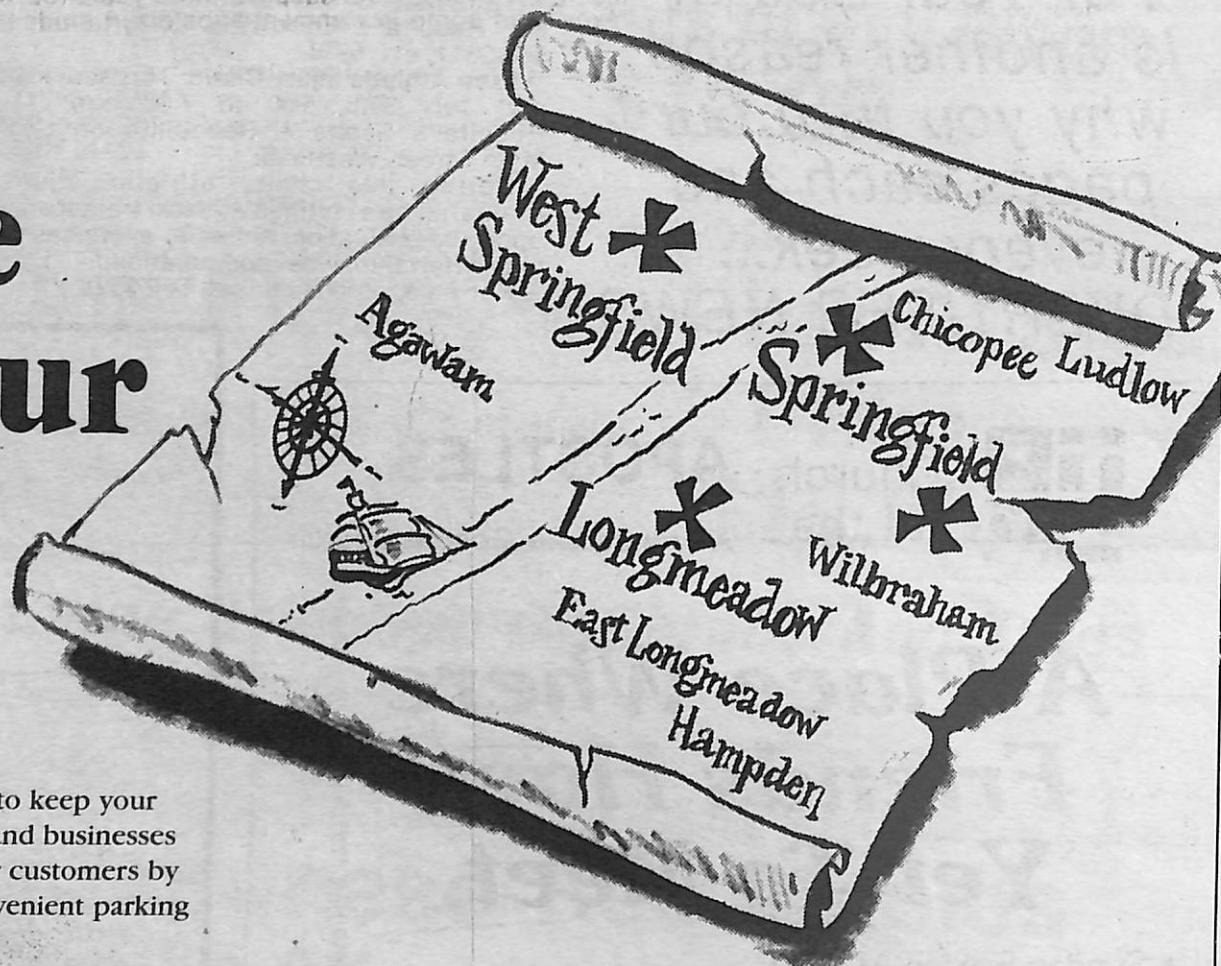
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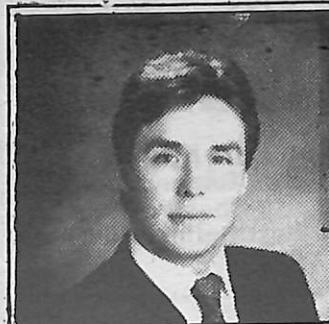
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Fibromyalgia

Tight muscles that are painful to touch describes the condition called fibromyalgia. Symptoms may include aches and pains that limit normal activities - walking, moving your arm or hand, or even opening your mouth.

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Certain regions of your body may be prone to myofacial pain due to repeated strain, poor posture, poor nutrition, or lack of exercise. When healing is delayed or incorrect, the muscle fibers may be damaged causing pain or limited movement in your neck, back, arms, legs, or almost anywhere in your body.

Leading causes of fibromyalgia include injuries from car accidents, falls, and sports injuries. If you often work long hours without breaks, fail to exercise, and eat poorly, you are more at risk. Poor posture, sleeping on your stomach, working at a job or hobby requiring repetitive motions are other factors.

Chiropractic evaluation includes a physical examination and helps you understand how the damage occurs. X-rays may be recommended to determine joint integrity. Treatment can relieve your pain and restore your mobility.

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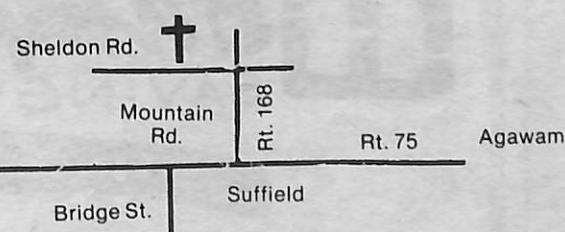
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Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, July 8th and July 22nd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

On July 8th, the topic will be "Living After A Stroke: Activities And Community Re-Integration." This meeting will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

On July 22nd, information will be shared about the National Stroke Association.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, June 28th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Lynne Jasak, M.S.R.D., will speak to the group about nutrition and the diabetes patient.

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The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, July 15th and July 22nd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department (Ground Floor).

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

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During this clinic, athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Antibacterial Soaps: Helping Or Hurting The Fight Against Germs?

It seems like everyone is worrying about food borne illnesses like e-coli and salmonella. As a result, the home use of antibacterial soaps is rising.

You may be surprised to learn that pathologists are concerned these soaps may be doing more harm than good. While they're effective for eliminating germs today, they may actually play a part in creating a new problem - stronger, more resistant germs tomorrow.

E. Randy Eckert, MD, says, "By using antibacterial soaps in the home, you may be actually selecting for a population of organisms that then become resistant to those soaps and could potentially make you sicker."

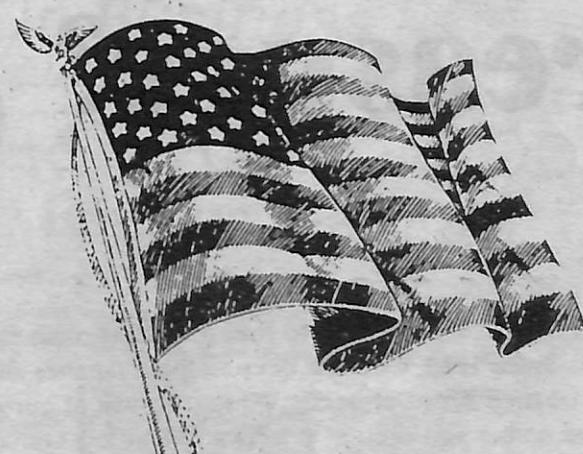
Antibacterial soap originally was intended for facilities like hospitals, daycare centers, and nursing homes. But they are becoming popular in the home, because of recent scares with food borne illnesses. Dr. Eckert says antibacterial soaps are overkill. When it comes to home food preparation, regular soap and water will do.

The biggest threat to food safety is cross-contamination. That's when juices from raw chicken, meat, or eggs run into other foods, like vegetables. "Cross contamination can occur via the countertop or the cutting board, which you need to make sure that you wash down thoroughly between the different steps in food preparation. But it's also important for the food handler to thoroughly wash their hands and prevent that cross-contamination from occurring," says Dr. Eckert.

And, of course, before you serve any food to your children, make sure they wash their hands thoroughly as well. Pathologists say a great way to make sure kids wash their hands thoroughly is by having them sing their ABC's while they scrubbing.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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In fact, the body produces cancer cells every day, but the reason everyone doesn't get cancer is that cancer cells are destroyed by the immune system.

There has been a correlation between the chiropractic adjustment and improved immune function, being that the adjustment affects the proliferation of T-lymphocytes. In fact, a university cancer study compared the immune system of cancer patients to people who did not have cancer.

Those without cancer had a 200 percent higher level of immunity. The same experiment was conducted with people under maintenance chiropractic care five years or more, and it was discovered that those patients had a 400 percent better immune level than the cancer patients, and 200 percent better than the non-cancer, non-chiropractic group.

Another clinical study focused on chiropractors in practice 40 or more years and studied the records of patients who had been patients for 30 to 40 years. The results per 1,000 patients: four died from cancer, 1:250 (national average - 1:3 die from cancer); three died from heart attack, 1:333 (national average - 1:2 die from heart disease).

These are pretty strong findings. Research studies are finally proving what chiropractors have known for years — that chiropractic is much more than pain relief, it's a life of optimum health.

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Fitness Tips...

Weight Gain — Do's & Don'ts

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

For some, the problem of keeping weight on or increasing weight is a real struggle. For many of these individuals, the problem is not enough appetite.

They are doing the weights every other day for an hour or so, they participate in sports otherwise, but just don't seem to have the muscle mass they desire. My advice is going to start off similar to other areas of advice; be careful. There are a lot of various shakes, drinks, and pills promising the world for a small investment.

If the problem is lack of appetite, try four to five small meals a day instead of three heavier ones. Food is better digested if taken in smaller, more frequent portions. Think fuel; load up on complex carbohydrates, proteins, and fruit. Stay away from sugary junk food which are empty calories that take up space but don't do much.

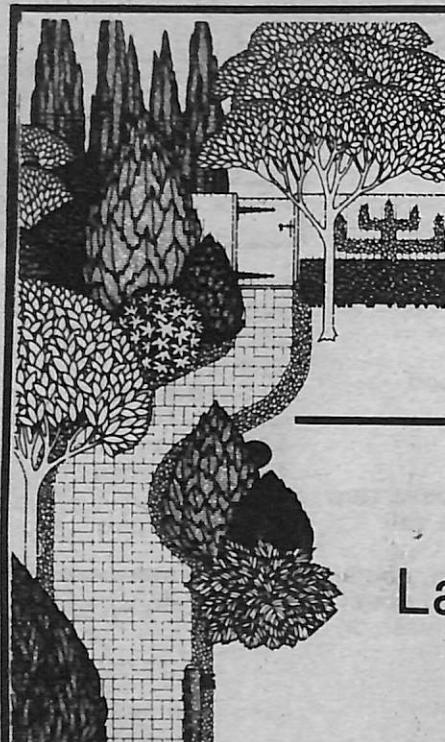
Try to keep your body free of toxins. Filtering alcohol, drugs, nicotine, and other poisons takes your body's attention away from building muscle. Avoid anabolic steroids. They deliver a short-term

gain for a long-term, very high price. Rest is very important. Sleep at least seven hours a night to give your body a chance to rebuild itself.

Resistance training is the exercise you want to really focus on if your goal is weight gain. Doing a bit of cardiovascular 20 minutes, three times a week, is plenty. Don't forget about flexibility and giving your muscles a good stretch now and then, but the weights are what you want every other day. Try heavier weights with less repetition. You want three to four exercises per muscle group.

Two sets of eight is a good place to start, with that last set being difficult. Don't forget about symmetry. That chest isn't going to look great if you don't work the back equally as hard. Try not to play favorites. You may hate to do legs, but don't let it show with a lack of results. Find a way to get through it and do it.

Remember, everyone is different. If you are a naturally lean person, no one is ever going to mistake you for Mr. Atlas. However, there is plenty you can do to reach the goals you desire.



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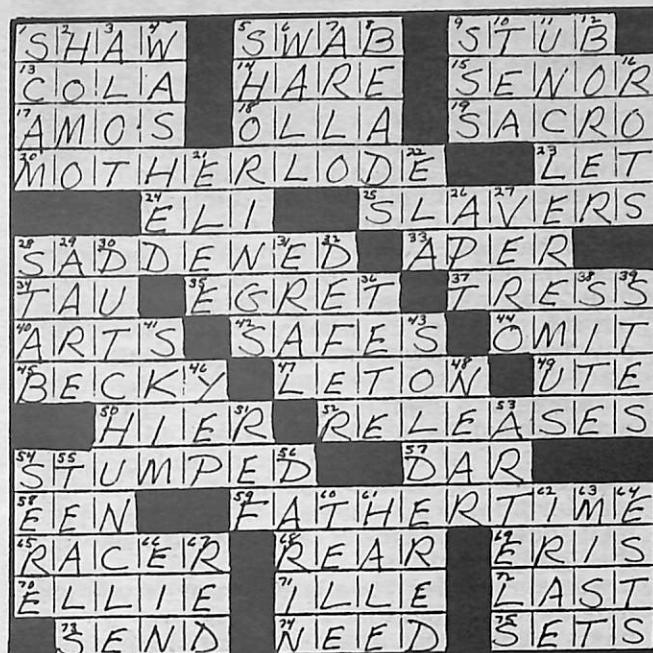
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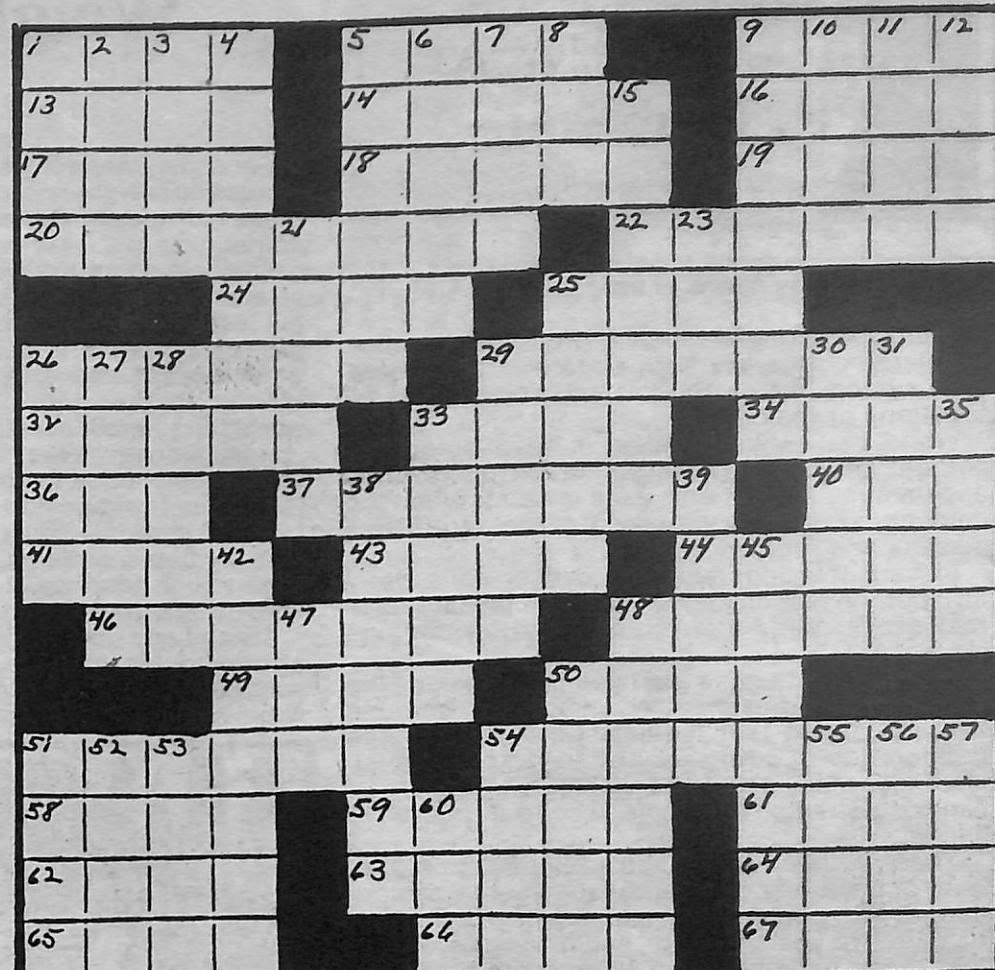


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Richie Mitnick To Open Summer Concerts At Veterans' Park

Richie Mitnick and The Sounds of Music Singers will open the 1998 series of summer concerts at Veterans' Park at School and Main Streets on Wednesday, July 1st. The concert is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Rotary Club. All concerts this season will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Richie Mitnick has been performing throughout the area since 1989 and is known for his warm, rich stylings of the great standards and show tunes performed on the Technics instruments. He is bringing some of the finest talents in the area to the program, such as singers Anne Provencher, Ethel Lee, Jessie Rivers, Tony Hartman, Libby Campa, and Kathy Mitnick.

Special guest artist Patrick Tobin, who is in great demand for his interpretations of the young Frank Sinatra, will be adding his talents to the program, in which Richie and his group tell a story with their music.

The concert will be presented outdoors at Veterans Park; in the event of rain, the performance will be moved indoors to the Phelps School Auditorium.

Program books for the whole summer concert series are available at the Town Clerk's Office and the Agawam Public Library.

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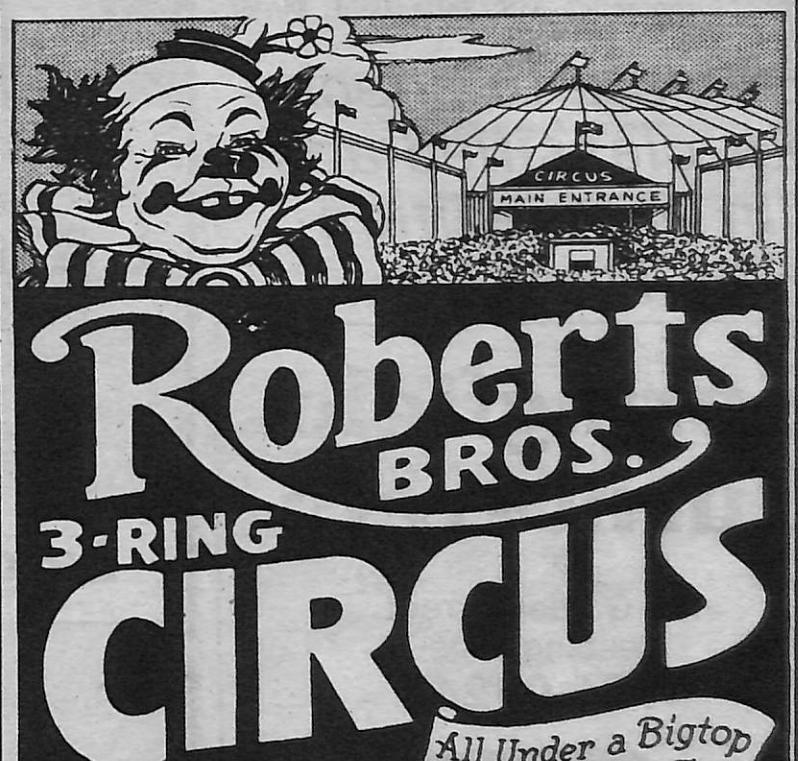
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Education

Local Residents On Dean's List At Westfield State

Dr. William H. Lopes, senior vice-president for academic affairs at Westfield State College, has announced that the following local students have achieved the Dean's List for the spring semester of 1998.

From Agawam:

Marni Ayers, Corrie Antaya, Robert Ayers, Joe Beauchemin, Patricia Belisle, Jeffrey Campbell, Lynn Carra, Yolanda Ciarmatori, Jenna Dietschler, Jamie Gaudette, Heidi Hersey, Linda M. Jordan, Kevin O'Connor, Angelo Pananas, Russell Phaneuf, Tara Rivkin, and Denise Vomarschall.

From Feeding Hills:

Joseph Bianca, Nicole Boyer, Nancy Bulmer, Richard Delbarba, Sarah Fede, Marie Fortier, Jason Gilmartin, Ryan Harlin, Herman Hochreich, Steven Lanier, Tammy Leary, Selena Machia, Mary Parrotta, Laura Rapa, Allison Readio, Nicholas Rondinelli, Sean Summer, and James Thomas.

To qualify for Dean's List standing, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 based on a 4.0 system, have no grade below C, and no incomplete grades.

Westfield State College, founded in 1839, has a primarily residential campus and offers 24 major programs of study.

Area Students Named To Dean's List At STCC

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 1998 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Vice-President for Enrollment Management/Student Affairs Ray Di Pasquale.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the Dean's List are David Bedard, Kimberly Dilizia, Diana Dondero, Jeffery Leone, Rhonda Marchetti, John Mustain, Brenda Ober, and Sara Suffritti.

Feeding Hills residents named to the Dean's List are Donna Allen, Kathleen Burns, Chung Chi Choi, David McDougal, Danielle Petrangelo, Jennifer Pisano, Nancy Theriault, Gabraelle Washburn, and Melissa Weinle.

Springfield Technical Community College offers 46 associate degree programs with 26 options and 29 certificate programs, in the areas of business, health/human services/nursing, engineering and science transfer, engineering technologies, and liberal arts and sciences.

Local Students Honored By The MacDuffie School

The MacDuffie School in Springfield, MA, recently recognized various students for academic and extracurricular achievements.

Among those who were named to Honor Rolls were freshmen Stefanie Goyette of Feeding Hills and Melody Serafino of Agawam.

Stefanie was named to the Maximum Honor Roll for earning all A's. In addition, she was recognized for placing 10th nationally and fourth in Western Massachusetts on the Level 2 Concours de Francais national French exam.

Melody, who earned a spot on the High Honor Roll, was recognized for placing 10th in Western Massachusetts on Level 2 of the French exam.

Two other area students who were honored by MacDuffie were junior Amber Hoffman of Feeding Hills, who received an award for excellent improvement in study skills this year, and eighth-grader Matt Zajdel of Agawam, who was recognized for outstanding performance in athletics and physical education.

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Saying "Good-Bye" To Perry Lane...



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL was not the only in-town educational institution that held a graduation ceremony this spring. Recently, Perry Lane Nursery School bid a fond farewell to those schoolchildren (pictured above and below) who'll be moving on to the next level of their early education. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Shawn Gloster To Attend Medical Forum In Washington, DC

Shawn Gloster of Agawam is scheduled to participate in the 1998 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from June 28th to July 8th in Washington, DC.

Shawn, who is a member of the class of 2000 at Agawam High School, will be among 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America who have attained the qualifications required to participate in the Forum. He was selected because of his outstanding academic achievements and his interest in the profession of medicine.

For the June 28th to July 8th Forum on Medicine, Shawn will join his fellow students in Washington for 11 days of discovery and mentorship at some of our nation's most prominent and technologically-advanced medical institutions.

The students will visit prestigious medical establishments, including Georgetown University School of Medicine, National Library of Medicine, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Intensive day-long concentrations at these and other institutions will allow students to examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail.

Topics to be discussed will include breakthroughs in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS, sports medicine, neonatal and pediatric research, computers in the world of medicine, public health, clinical decision-making, and bioethics.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students with demonstrated leadership potential. The National Youth Leadership Forum develops and conducts annual Forums on Medicine, Law, and Defense, Intelligence & Diplomacy.

Many students are nominated to participate in these Forums by high school teachers and guidance counselors. The National Youth Leadership Forum greatly values the recommendations of educators when evaluating a student's potential participation in a Forum.

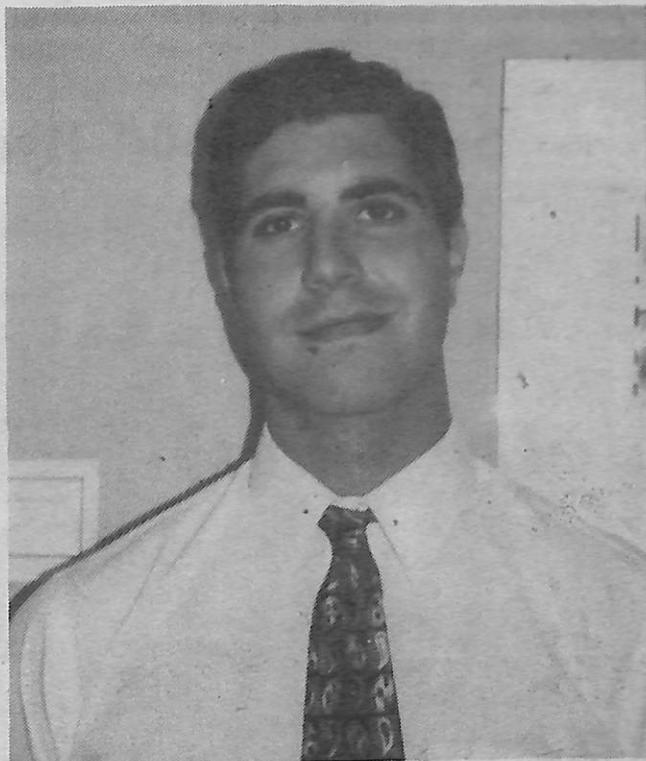
Interested educators, parents, and students are encouraged to contact the NYLF Office of Admissions for additional information at (202) 628-6090. NYLF's website is located at the following "address": www.nationalyouth.org.

Jeffrey Gaylor Attains Dean's List At Bridgewater State

Laurence D. Richards, Dean of School of Management and Aviation Science, announced that Jeffrey Gaylor, 110 Forest Hill Road, Feeding Hills, the son of Fred and Peggy Gaylor, has been placed on the Dean's List for the spring semester at Bridgewater State College.

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Nelson G. Abdala Earns Criminal Justice Award At AIC

American International College recently held its annual Academic Awards and Class Night Program, honoring outstanding students in academic disciplines.

Family, friends, faculty, and administration gathered for the ceremony in the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts to celebrate the awards.

Among the AIC students who were honored was Nelson G. Abdala of Agawam, son of George & Leila Abdala. A sophomore criminal justice major, Abdala received the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Society Award.

American International College is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1885. The College offers more than 35 majors in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Psychology and Education, Business Administration, and the Divisions of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Nursing.

Congratulations to all the local college students who qualified for Dean's List standing and earned various awards during the 1997-98 academic year.

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ERIN GRADY

Erin Grady Named To WNEC's Dean's List For 2 Semesters

Erin Grady, the daughter of Lawrence and Maria Grady, was named to the Dean's List at Western New England College for both the fall 1997 and spring 1998 semesters.

She is a senior currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting. She was a 1997 graduate with High Honors from Holyoke Community College.

Erin is employed at Western New England College in the controller's office.

Lucia M. Delnegro Is On Dean's List At Salem State

Agawam resident Lucia M. Delnegro has been named to the Spring 1998 Dean's List at Salem State College.

To qualify for the Dean's List at Salem State, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits per semester and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

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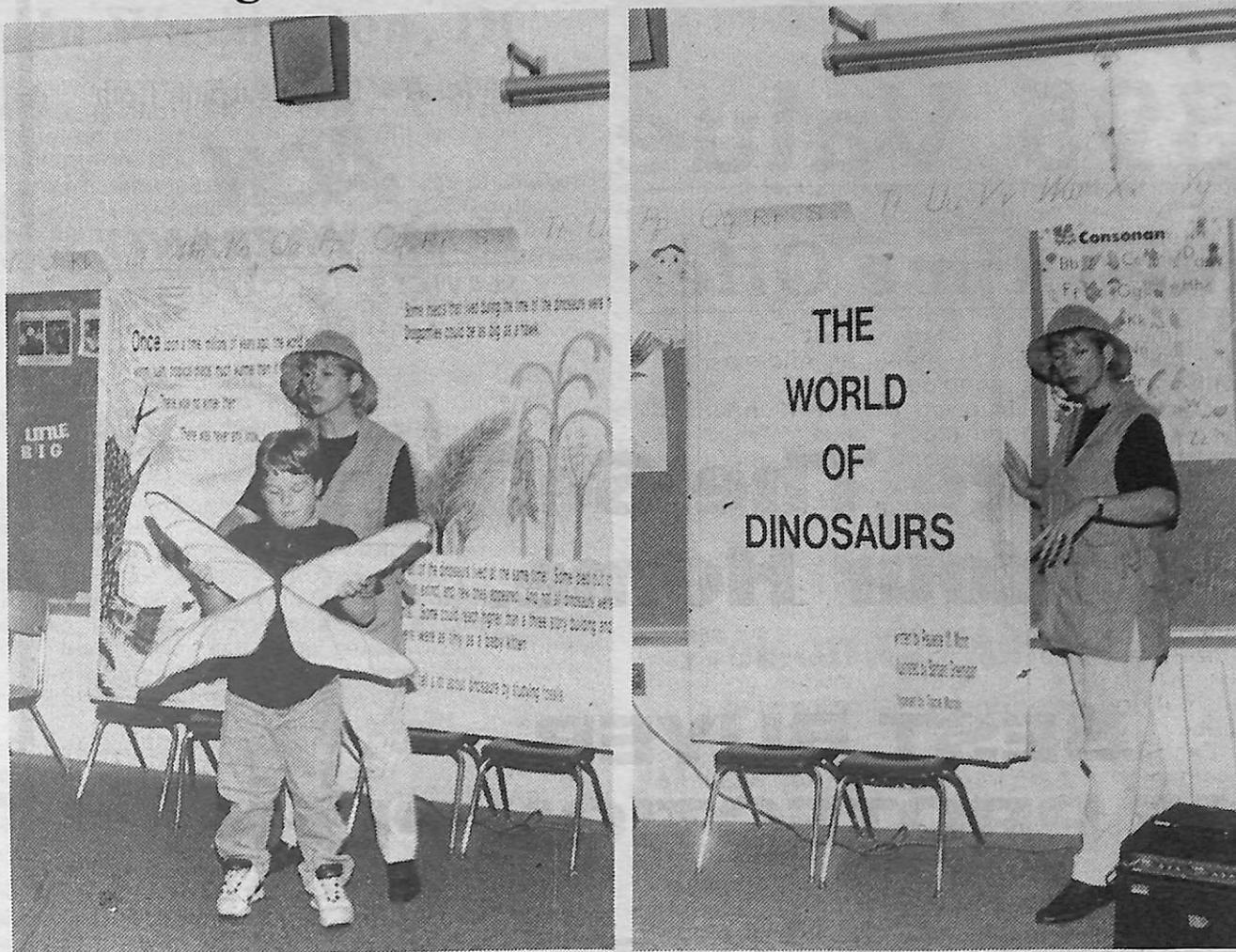
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ON JUNE 12TH, Ms. Liptak and Mrs. Carra's first-grade students at Granger Elementary School took a "step back in time" by taking part in a special program, "Having Fun With Fossils and Dinosaurs." This was a perfect culminating activity for their science unit on dinosaurs. The program dealt with the who, what, where, and when of the dinosaurs and included storytelling (using a five-foot-tall storybook), information on how to find fossils, and more than 100 fossil specimens for the students to examine. IN LEFT PHOTO: Student Dean Howard participates in a hands-on demonstration. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam High School's Class Of 1973 Announces Plans For 25th Reunion

Can you believe it has been 25 years already? Save this date — Friday, November 27, 1998 — for this special occasion.

The 25th reunion for Agawam High School's class of 1973 will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, and more information will be forthcoming.

We are trying to locate some missing classmates. If you can help with any addresses or know the whereabouts of the following individuals, please call Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214. Thanks!

Sandy Adams, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Tom Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Kevin Cawley, Claudia Cunningham, Barbara Dubour, Janet Dyer, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci, Nancy George, Margaret Gerry, Rebecca Jones, Judy Lacroix, Wendy Merchant, David Montagna, Catherine Parent, Harold Martin, Jan Reynolds, Wendy Richards, Andrew Robbins, William Saliba, Mark Scales, Don Schebel, Steve Skiba, John Simpson, Charles Soulier, Richard Strawn, Frank Talbot, and Ted Wislowski.

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REGISTRATION PLACE: ALAN R. COHEN, Summer School Director, Agawam High School - Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number: 821-0519.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 4 weeks - 36 hours (except Physical Education - 18 hours).

TIME AND DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (July 6th through July 31st); Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (July 7th through July 30th).

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION DATES: June 17th through July 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Payment due with Registration Form. (Registration Forms are available at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.) Mail Registration Form and check to "Agawam High School - Summer School, Attn.: Mr. Alan Cohen, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001."

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than two classes. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Avoid tardiness and dismissals.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one own's guidance department before registration.

NOTE: ALL summer school classes will be held at Agawam Junior High School, 1335 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 7th-30th

Government/Geography/Civics; World History; U.S. History; 7th Grade Math; 8th Grade Math; Pre-Algebra; Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; General Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physical Education (this course meets only two hours per day - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.)

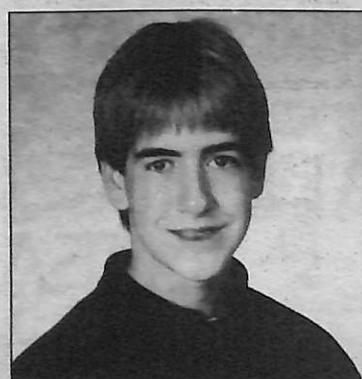
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The guided hike will start at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately two hours. If your den leader has not contacted you, please call Jay at 786-5103 for more information.

The Pack is also planning a family trip to a Pittsfield Mets baseball game on Saturday, July 11th. Jim (786-3561) has more information on the game and tickets.

Pack 77 would also like to thank everyone who helped with our spring bottle drive on June 6th.

Perry Lane Seeks Assistant Teacher For Next School Year

Perry Lane Nursery School (a division of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department) seeks an OCCS qualified assistant teacher to assist with observations, staff development, and curriculum.

Hours are 8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. during the academic year commencing September 1998. Hourly wage for this part-time assistant teacher position is \$6.78 per hour.

Qualified applicants, please apply to Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam no later than July 31, 1998.

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Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!



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July 29, New England Jazz Octet
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Matt Schuh To Travel To United Kingdom As A Student Ambassador

Matt Schuh, son of Paul & Doris Schuh of 13 Gina Drive, Feeding Hills, has been chosen for a second year to be one of 34 Student Ambassadors from the People to People Program and will be touring the United Kingdom and Ireland for three weeks. He will be leaving July 6, 1998 and returning July 27, 1998. They will be leaving on British Air from Logan Airport, Boston.

Matt will be visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. He will have the opportunity to visit Parliament, meet dignitaries, visit the oldest university in town in Scotland, St. Andrews, live with host families, sightsee, and more.

Matt has been involved in over 12 hours of classroom instruction since January, where he and the rest of the students learned about the culture of the countries, customs, exchange of money, and everything else they will need to know before traveling.

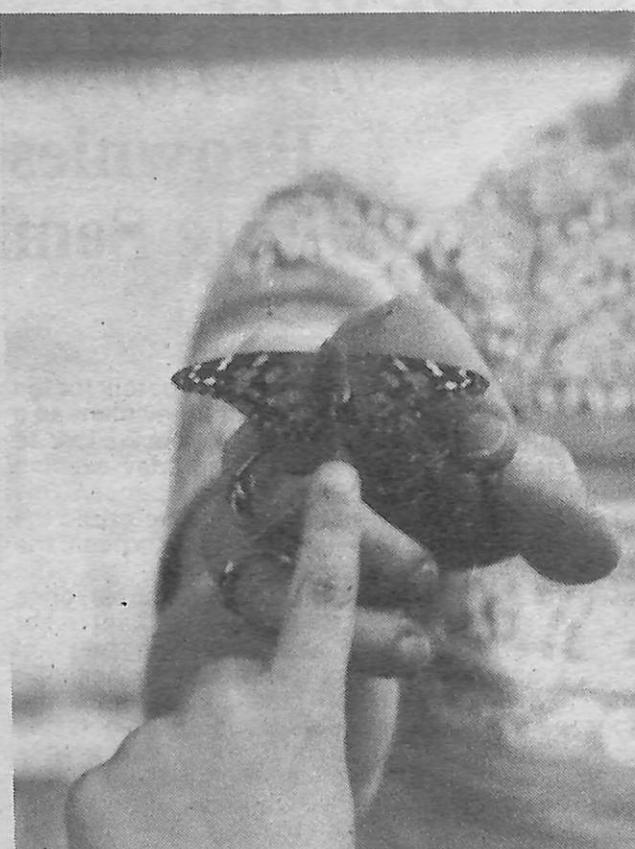
The People to People Student Ambassador Program began under the direction of President Eisenhower. It has helped prepare thousands of young Americans for their role as responsible citizens and leaders by offering an opportunity to discover for themselves the economic, political, and cultural factors that influence the world community.

Each delegation of Student Ambassadors is accompanied by appointed Delegation Leaders, who are instrumental in providing a rewarding overseas experience. Delegation leaders are selected from among outstanding teachers who have been recommended by school and program officials and have been personally interviewed by program coordinators.

Matt just recently graduated from the eighth grade at St. Thomas School in West Springfield and will be going on to St. Mary's High School in Westfield for ninth grade. Congratulations, Matt!! Have a great trip!!

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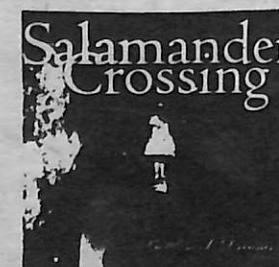
August 26, The Dave Loy Song Jazz Quintet featuring original jazz by some of the area's best young musicians.
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Sports

The End Of 1998 Softball Season For AHS...

Brownies Bow To Holy Name, 9-5, In State Semi-Final Game In Spencer, MA

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

All good things must end. Unfortunately for the Agawam High girls' softball team, they came to a screeching halt a little too soon, with a 9-5 loss to Holy Name of Worcester last Thursday evening (June 18th) at soggy O'Gara Park in Spencer. This state semi-final game in no way characterized the Agawam team we had seen going through the Division I Western Mass. playoffs.

Junior Ali Jackobek took to the circle once again for the Brownies. She'd been brilliant in her three previous playoff starts, hurling two no-hitters and three straight shutouts to help the club to their third Western Mass. crown in the last four years. But Jackobek was working on only one day of rest and it showed. She got into trouble from the get-go. The Holy Name first inning saw them get three runs on two walks and a home run.

Agawam's bats seemed to head south early on, too, as it just couldn't seem to figure out Holy Name hurler Aimee Lee. She shut them down for two innings while her team got three more in the top of the third to take a 6-0 lead.

That inning saw Jackobek depart to ovations from the Brownie faithful, who weren't about to forget what she'd done down the stretch. The bases were full. Junior Lindsay Mason got the call from Coach Debbie Lickley.

Mason had to be a little rusty. She hadn't seen any significant action since the middle of May in her last outing — Agawam's regular-season, 2-1 win over West Springfield.

She gutted it out and allowed only one run to extricate her club from what could have been a real disaster. But the damage had already been done. Going into the bottom of the inning, the Naps led, 6-0.

Agawam got on the board in the bottom of the third. Freshman rightfielder Amanda Merola rapped a sharp single to left center. She came home on an error. The next hitter, junior second sacker Kornelia Moysis, drew a walk and was driven home on an infield out by senior Kristen Patterson. After three, Holy Name led 6-2.

The Naps would score one run in the fourth. The score stood at 7-2 until the final inning. Holy Name got its final two runs to take a commanding 9-2 lead. But the Brownies didn't quit.

"We Fought For This One" - Coach Lickley

"We fought for this one, but it's tough when you're down by so much and the other team has its bats working," Lickley noted.

Mohawks Slate Bottle & Can Drive

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks will be holding a Bottle and Can Drive June 26th-27th at Dave's Soda and Pet Food City in Agawam.

If you would like to donate any cans or bottles for redemption, please leave them in a bag outside of your home for pick-up.

Agawam pick-up: Friday, June 26th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. **Feeding Hills pick-up:** Saturday, June 27th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

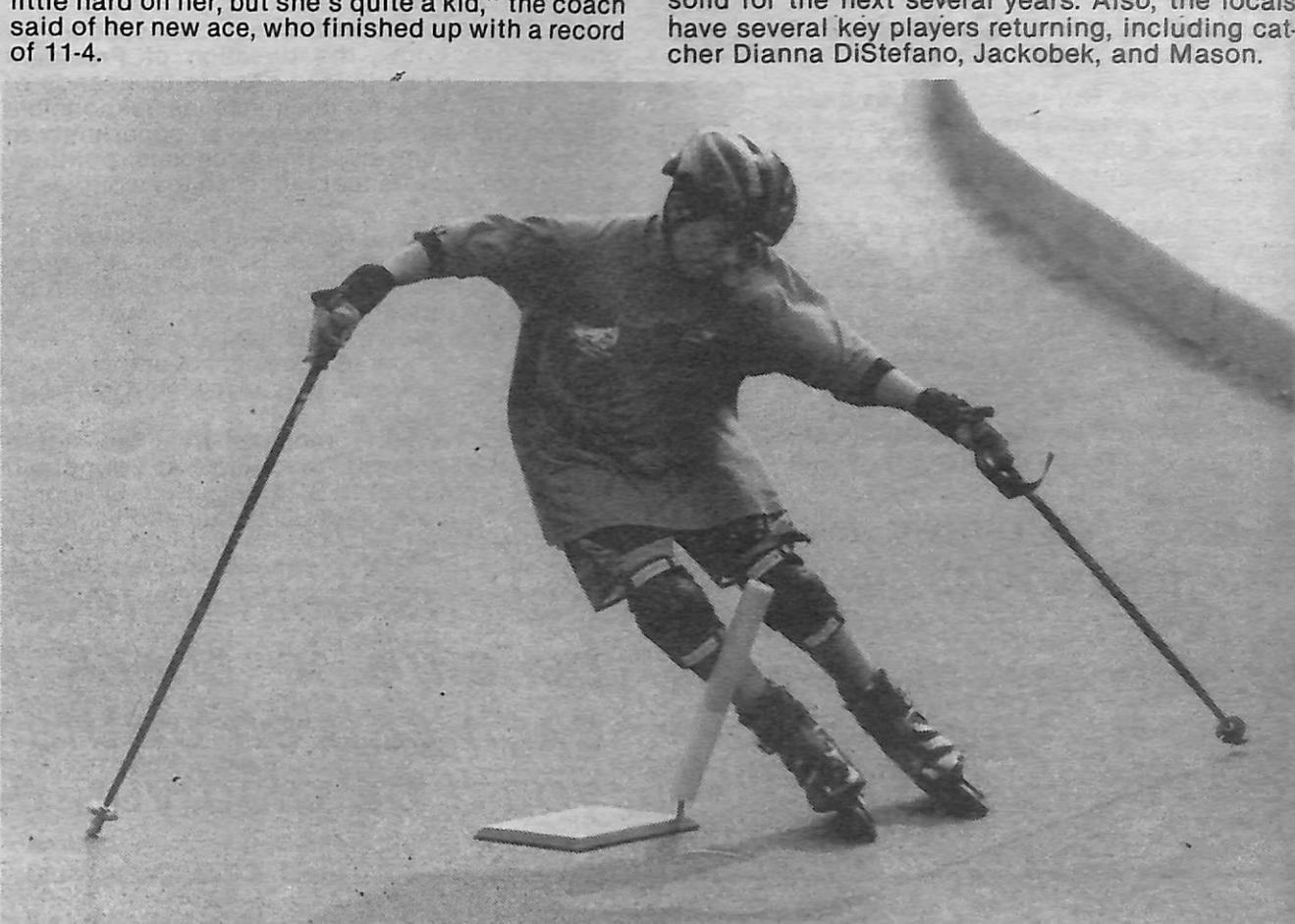
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The day camp will be encouraged for the younger racers (seven to 10 years of age). Both camps will use the facilities at Springfield College and train with full-length and stubby gates.

Several guest speakers will address the

athletes in areas such as nutrition, training, and gaining the psychological edge over the competition. Some of the activities the camp will include will be ropes and challenge course, sport enhancement speaker, and the use of a pool and indoor gyms.

For further information and an application form, call (413) 789-7223 or contact Glenn Olson, c/o "Summer Skate to Ski Camp," 47 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.



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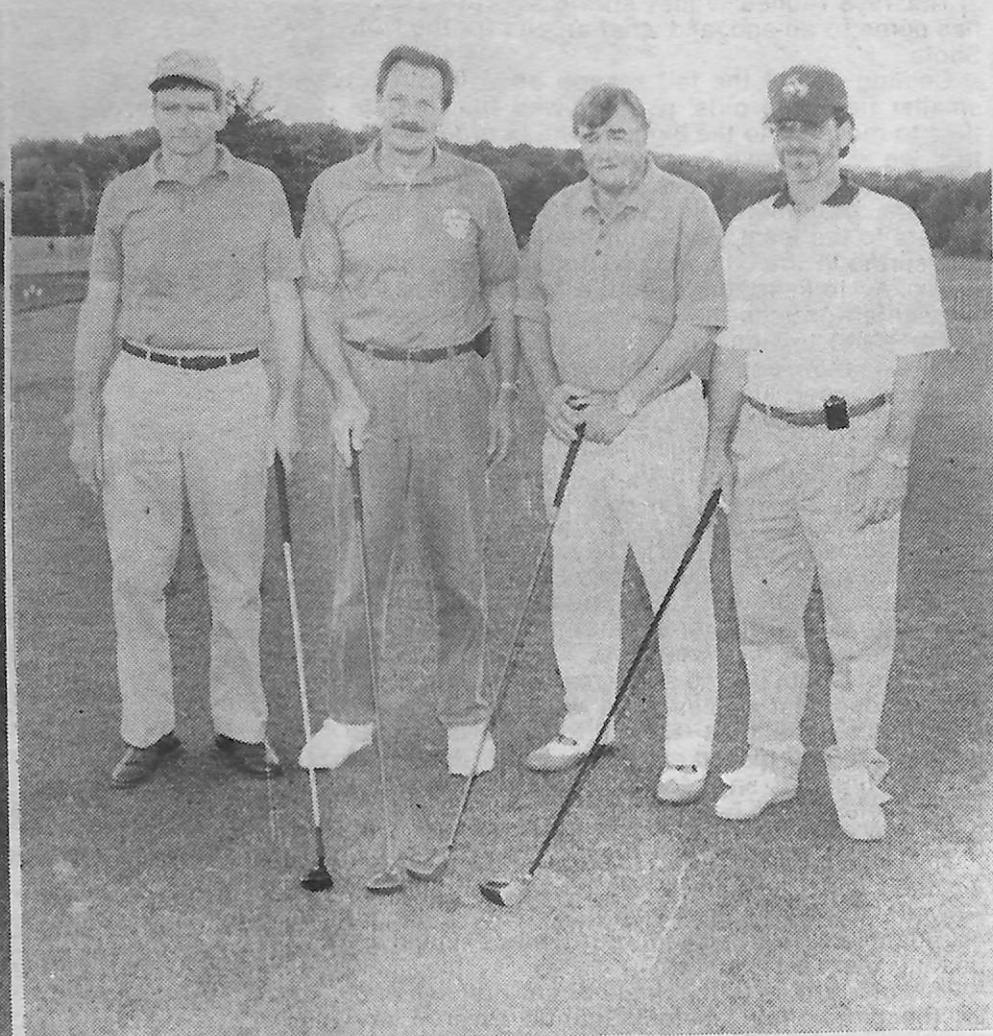
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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR TOURNAMENT: Dick DiLullo (tournament co-chairman), Ron Lalancette, Joseph Conte, Jr. (tournament chairman), and Ron Dunn (golf pro at Agawam Country Club). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Pioneer Valley Soccer...

U11 - "Hot Shots"

The 1998 Pioneer Valley spring soccer season has come to an end, and what an end for the Hot Shots.

Coming out of the fall season as U10 on the smaller field, the girls' play showed that it was time to move up to the bigger field. In order to do this, we would have to play up one age division. This meant bigger field and goals, older opponents, four more girls on the field, and new players to the team. We finally decided to play up this spring in the U11 age division.

In order to keep the team at a reasonable size, we wanted no less than 16 players on the team. We received 15 sign-ups. Two of these players, in the pre-season, decided to play for another team, which dropped us down to 13. This was not enough for a new team with all those challenges ahead of us, so we began recruiting and found three more players. All in all, we ended up with 11 original Hot Shots and five new Hot Shots.

The girls adjusted well to all their new surroundings and had a great start. They won two of their first three games. Then one more player decided to move on to another team. The challenges that we had to deal with weren't just game-related as we first thought they would be.

The Hot Shots played some really great games. Two of our best games were when we had no substitutes. The girls stayed focused because they had to and played extremely well.

They finished in second place for regular season play, only two games behind first-place Scantic River.

The Hot Shots came into playoff weekend winning their last four games. We played third-place Holyoke United in the semi-final, beating them 4-2. Scantic River played fourth-place Ludlow, beating them 4-1.

This brought us to the finale of our first season on the larger field against Scantic River. Even though the Hot Shots lost both their regular season games to them, we knew they could be beaten.

Our pre-game was as hectic as could be. Ten minutes before our 8:00 game, only five players were at the field; the rest were at another field. Then, one of our defenders pulled a muscle in warm-ups. Not quite what the coach had envisioned for a final game.

Eventually, all players arrived and the game got underway. It was a great game! In the first half, both teams showed why they were in the finals. At the end of the half, the score was still 0-0.

In the second half, the Hot Shots picked up the pace and began giving the Scantic keeper a workout. The first score of the game was made by our center forward about halfway through the second half. After that score, the defense took over and held Scantic River to a 1-0 win for the Hot Shots.

Congratulations to all the Hot Shots and their families. You all made this season fun and enjoyable. The final Hot Shots stats were 11 wins, 3 losses, 1 tie, 42 goals scored, 13 goals allowed.

Great job, Hot Shots!



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THE 1998 SPRING "HOT SHOTS." Back row: Coaches Tom Garvin, Chuck Schivley, and Herb Holl. Middle row: Laura Provost, Allison Ventulett, Shelley Schivley, Thara Sekkal, Lindsey Suprenant, Erika Prouty, Ashley Weisse, Teresa Murphy, and Ashley Szczebak. Front row: Bethany Garvin, Nicole Cirillo, Alicia Holl, Michelle Epaul, Lauren Suprenant, and Crystal Bianco.

Fitness First To Hold Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament On July 25th

On Saturday, July 25th, Fitness First will hold its sixth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Horizon's Women's Shelter in Westfield and Los Companeras Women's Shelter in Holyoke in Vicki's name.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18

holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a raffle ticket. Hole and tee sponsors are \$50 each and include signage. Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so register early!

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Pioneer Valley Soccer - continued...**"Agawam Lightning"**

The Agawam Lightning just completed their spring season in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League. The Lightning were the representatives for the Agawam Soccer Association in the girls' Under 12, First Division and are now moving up to Under 13, First Division.

The team finished the season in second place with a record of 9-2-2, losing only to Northampton, the first-place finisher, in the regular season. The team began practicing in February and just completed the season at the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League Post Season Tournament.

In the semi-final, the Lightning played Longmeadow. The Lightning prevailed, 1-0. The team played well despite having two goals called back due to offside calls by officials. This victory set the stage for the Lightning to play Northampton, who defeated Amherst, for the championship.

The championship match was a classic. Northampton struck early and it was 1-0 on a hard shot only minutes into the game. It appeared that only the Lightning believed that they had a chance to win this game. The team regrouped and came out with focus, determination, and courage. Later in the first half, Amanda Janik scored two sensational goals by putting the ball in the upper corner of the goal where the goalie couldn't reach. The first half ended with the Lightning leading, 2-1.

The girls knew that it was only halftime and the game was not over. The Lightning opened the second half with a special starting play which resulted in a goal by Megan Gloster from passes from Amanda Janik and Katherine Bitzas.

With the score now 3-1, Northampton pressed their attack. Meghan Kelly continued her stellar play in goal. Sara Skolnick controlled the middle of the field at center halfback. Tory Lyons led the defense at center fullback and was flanked with strong play by Laura Pederson and Jen Miarecki. Bethany Reid patrolled the rear of the defense at sweeper to blunt the attack of Northampton. The teams battled for every possession all over the field. Northampton eventually scored two goals to tie the game. At that moment, the Lightning could either quit or come out with even more ferocity than before.



THE AGAWAM LIGHTNING: Back row - Coaches Dimitrios Moysis, Don Smith, and Scott Skolnick. Middle row - Jennifer (Psycho) Miarecki, Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Laura (The Rock) Pederson, Meghan (Slick) Ennis, Rachel (Rach) Keenan, Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas, Tory (Taz) Lyons, Allison (Sonic) Siedlik, Sara (Moose) Skolnick, and Amy Proulx. Front row - Bethany (Badger) Reid, Amanda (Fred) Janik, Megan (Bam-Bam) Gloster, Meghan (Cuz) Kelly, Joanne (Joannie) Brignoli, Caitlin (Pebbles) Foley, and Pavlina (Beans) Moysis.

The Lightning were determined not to be denied. After several opportunities for both teams, Amanda Janik scored her third goal for the team with only about two minutes left in the game. Amanda's hat trick was only a part of her contribution to the team. The last moments of the game were frenetic as both teams battled to the very end. When the final whistle blew, the Lightning had prevailed and defeated Northampton, 4-3, to win first place. It was a total team effort as everyone contributed to the victory. Officials, players, parents, and fans congratulated each team on a marvelously played game. Both teams gave all that they had to give. The Lightning displayed remarkable skill, heart, and desire in earning this championship.

Meghan Kelly played a tremendously strong game in goal. Amanda Janik, Megan Gloster, Katherine Bitzas, Amy Proulx, and Joanne Brignoli were terrific at forward. Sara Skolnick, Ashley Smith, Rachel Keenan, Caitlin Foley, Lina Moysis, and Allison Siedlik were exceptional at halfback. Laura Pederson, Jen Miarecki, Meghan Ennis, Tory Lyons, and Bethany Reid spearheaded the strong defense.

The Lightning are planning to take a few weeks off before they begin their offseason training to prepare themselves for what shall be another exciting season for them in the fall of 1998.

Coaches Dimitrios Moysis, Donald Smith, and Scott Skolnick are already beginning their preparation for the upcoming season. Unfortunately, the season is months away.

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**Golf Tip Of
The Week...**
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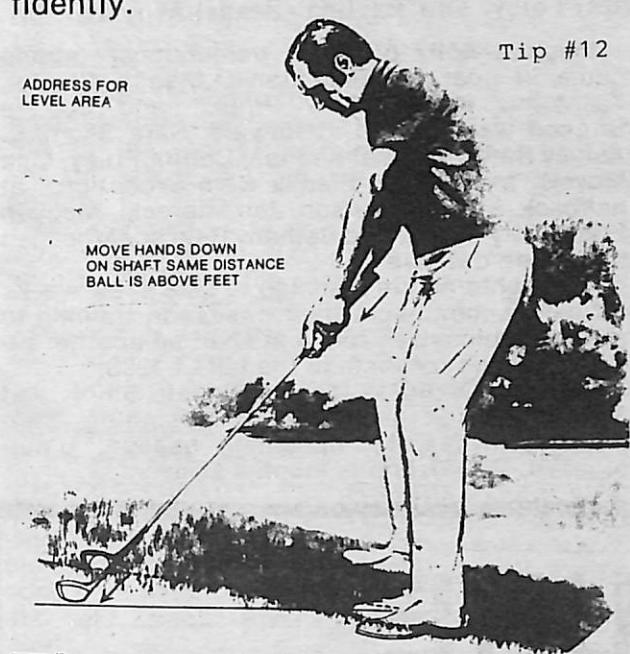
Choke Down On Uphill Lies...

A lie with the ball above the feet is one of the most difficult ones for average golfers. They find it hard to maintain balance and make solid ball contact, often hitting behind the ball because no allowance or adjustment is made for the abnormal angle of the terrain.

I've found that by simply choking down on the grip in proportion to the angle of elevation, a stance can be taken with the feet the normal distance from the ball.

The club can then be swung in the golfer's natural swing plane. Any anxiety the shot normally induces will be overcome, and the swing can be made confidently.

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	W	L			
BOYS 11-12 (Final)			Blimpie Subs Orange	3	7
Luigi's Athletics	11	0	Red (Sponsor Needed)	3	6
John's Trucking Orioles	8	3	Towne Ins. Co. Purple	1	7
Sand Trap Rangers	7	4			
Fitness First Rockies	6	5	GIRLS 13-17 (Final)	W	L
Westbank Falcons	5	6	Barker's Mechanical Plastics	8	1
Mr. Phipp's Phillies	3	8	Dubay's Cutting Edge	5	5
Hastie's White Sox	2	9	Cressotti's EB's	5	5
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	2	9	Shean's (Sponsor Needed)	3	6
			Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)	2	7
BOYS 9-10 (Final)	W	L			
Lion's Club Orioles	8	1	GIRLS 10-13 (Final)	W	L
Allen Lawnmower Rockies	8	1	Borsari's River Auto Service	9	1
Valenti's A's	5	4	Kelly's Agawam Credit Union	8	3
Polish American Club Rangers	4	5	Francis's Poolman	6	4
Reed's Giants	4	5	Cullen's Riverside Park	5	4
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	3	6	Mutti's Tollie's Black	4	6
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	3	6	Pisano's T & R Wholesale	4	7
E. Cecchi's Sharks	1	8	Bishop's American Classics	0	10
BOYS 7-8 (DPL)	W	L	GIRLS 8-10 (Final)	W	L
Amerifit Teal	8	1	Yellow Jackets (Sponsor Needed)	9	0
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	5	2	Red (Sponsor Needed)	7	1
Walnut Cleaners R. Blue	6	3	Stan's Orange Tigers	6	1
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	5	4	Chris's Avon Teal Seals	3	0
Walmart Lt. Blue	5	5	Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	2	0
V & F Auto Green	4	5	Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	1	9

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Warm Weather Yields Hot Bass Action

The hot weather of the last few days warmed up more than just the water in the valley ponds. Largemouth bass action was nothing short of spectacular. Fishing buddy George Powling of West Springfield and myself worked the weed beds and lily pads at Hampton Ponds for largemouth bass on Monday afternoon.

As a bright sun and heavy boat traffic drove the bass into the dense cover, action became fast and furious. We caught bass in the heaviest cover available. Bassing can be an exciting pursuit, especially when fishing the dense fields of lily pads. There is nothing quite as thrilling as watching a big bass knock an imitation frog or plastic lizard out of the water, and chow down on it when it lands.

Most of the lakes and ponds in the valley harbor a healthy weed growth. During the hottest days of the year, the bass have only two options available. To avoid the blinding sunlight and get comfortable, the bass must either go into deep water, or seek the shade provided by the weeds.

The elevated water temperature causes the fish's metabolism to increase, thereby creating a need to feed. The majority of the forage species will be hiding in the shadow of the weeds and will be seeking aquatic insects and the like. Those insects and others at the base of the food chain usually are found in the shallows.

Fishing thick vegetation can be a challenge itself, but that is one of the very best areas to locate concentrations of bass depending on weather and light conditions. If the pad field or weed bed is close to deep water, or adjacent to deeper channels, you have got a potential winner.

One mistake that some fishermen make is to throw their favorite surface lure, or crawl their favorite soft plastic over the pads, to the exclusion of all else. If that tactic does not produce, either the fish are not in an active feeding mood, or the fish just aren't there.

Even after having a couple of "takers" via the top water route, don't forget to work the same area with a bottom-hugging plastic worm or lizard, rigged Texas style. Allow the weedless rigged bait to fall into an opening in the pads, and let the lure settle to the bottom. Try leaving the bait motionless for an eternity or two (15 or 20 seconds).

Rather than hoisting the plastic worm back to the surface and crawling it over another set of pads, try bringing it back to the boat (or shore) along the bottom. This is a situation that calls for strong line with small diameter. We are not as concerned with having to uproot a lily pad when snagged, but are concerned with the ensuing mess a big bass can make as he weaves his way through the pad stems en route to deeper water.

A five-pound bucketmouth entangled with another five pounds of weeds and lily pads can be a formidable challenge to land. My personal choice for this type of fishing is the new Berkley

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Fire Line, which is a fused super line. There are three or four good reasons why I like this line for heavy weed bed fishing. First, is the fact that the line gives the angler exceptional strength with a small diameter. It casts and handles well, and provides the brute strength necessary to "horse" a big bass out of the weeds. Secondly, with a stretch factor at near zero, hook sets are easy and positive. You don't have to practically tip the boat over while trying to "cross his eyes" like you may be used to with stretchy Mono lines.

In addition to those qualities, the sensitivity of this no-stretch line transmits even the subtle difference between a pick-up and the bullet weight hanging up on a weed stem. The last consideration in using a fused line such as this has to do with the "coarse" texture of the line itself. We have all heard about the necessity of ceramic guides on the rod to prevent the line from sawing grooves in the guides.

The pad fishermen can rely on that same "file like" texture to saw through vegetation when a good fish tries to make a run. When a fish winds around a lily pad stem, the line is more apt to cut right through the stem, rather than uprooting the whole thing when you are trying to bring the fish to the boat.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Connecticut River stripers are reporting that the action has ended. The largest number of linesides have begun their trek back to the ocean, following the herring downstream.

Carp fishermen are taking some really big fish along the outer weed edges in the river. Corn and branberry dough bait are taking the greatest numbers.

Valley lakes and ponds are warming quickly in the heat of this past week. With many lakes boasting surface temperatures in the mid to high 70's, go deep for trout and salmon.

SALT WATER

Cape Cod and the Islands are producing both stripers and bluefish. Surf fishermen are finding more stripers than blues. Fluke catches in Cape Cod Bay are increasing. Try 40- to 60-feet depths with squid strips.

Point Judith to Long Island Sound are reporting that stripers are everywhere. Both boat fishermen and surf fishermen are finding action almost everywhere that stripers traditionally congregate. Five- to seven-inch swimming plugs, as well as drifted eels, bunker, and herring, are accounting for most of the success.

Offshore action has picked up with some large shark catches being rumored. With everything being a couple of weeks ahead of schedule, the ingredients for a tuna salad may be early this year.

Vets' Council Golf Tourney Rescheduled For Sat., June 28th

Due to inclement weather, the Agawam Veterans' Council was forced to reschedule the Annual Flag Day Golf Tournament to Sunday, June 28th.

It will take place at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. The scramble format for the tourney will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Your participation will help the council raise an HONOR ROLL of Agawam war veterans on our Veterans' Green for next May (if sufficient funds are raised). Research is completed, and the names of World War II veterans are being published weekly in *The Agawam Advertiser News* in the "Veterans' Corner" column. Watch for your name or the name of a loved one.

There will be a BBQ, a raffle, and many prizes given away at the golf tournament. Everyone had a great time last year, so join us for another fun day and help the project along as well.

Free Bow Hunter Education Course Offered On July 18th

Southwick: The Massachusetts Environmental Police, in cooperation with the International Bowhunter Education Foundation, will offer a free Bow Hunter Education course at the Agawam Bowmen Club, Rte. 57, at the Agawam town line in Southwick on July 18th starting at 8:00 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Call (413) 584-3516. Those attending are asked to bring their bows and arrows, if they have them. Attendance is open to adult men and women as well as minors over 10 years of age (with parental permission).

The program is presented by volunteer instructors for both the experienced and the novice hunter. Among topics covered will be hunter safety, ethics, selection of equipment, game preparation, and hunting methods (including tracking).

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	W	L	T	P
Rollaway Red Sox	13	11	27	
Riverside Park Royals	10	4	0	20
Ag. Public Mkt. Yankees	7	5	3	17
Luigi's Rest. Braves	7	6	1	15
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	6	7	1	13
Elaine's Pet Salon Giants	6	8	0	12
GBC Landscaping Orioles	2	9	1	5
Ayre Real Estate Mets	1	12	1	3

Baseball Camp To Be Held At Sacred Heart

The coaches' baseball camp will once again be held at the Sacred Heart athletic fields.

The dates that the camp will be run will be July 20th through July 23rd. The ages of the participants will range between eight and 14.

The philosophy behind the coaches' camp is to give each camper the positive instruction and guidance that is important for them to achieve their full potential. Campers will be instructed in all individual and team aspects.

If you are interested, call Brian Rheault, 789-4972, or Lou Conte, 786-7729.

Agawam Little League Major Division Standings (As Of 6/21/98)

TEAMS	W	L
Teddy Bear Pools Braves	11	3
Bridgeport National Royals	9	4
Coldwell Banker Yankees	10	4
Polish Club Orioles	8	6
Valenti's Dodgers	6	8
Schlaffer Chiropractic Indians	5	9
Scott's Citgo Giants	4	9
Sport's Photo Inc. Mets	6	9
Hastie Fence Athletics	3	10

Babe Ruth Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Berkshire Power Padres	12	1
Christina's Rockies	6	6
Fran's Restaurant Indians	5	7
AAMCO Yankees	4	9
Bill Walsh Royals	3	7

Bridgeport Bindery "Player of the Week": Bill Campagna, Yankees.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

June 27th Is Fan Appreciation Day At Riverside Speedway

On Saturday, June 27th, fans will be able to meet their favorite drivers and see many race vehicles up close at the annual Fan Appreciation Pit Party, presented by Parts Plus. Several of Riverside Park's top NASCAR Winston Racing Series teams will display their vehicles and greet the fans on the infield of the one-quarter mile track from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

As a special treat for race fans, Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski announced that a car from the Indy Racing League (IRL) would also be on display during the Pit Party. "This (Pit Party) is something that has been a tradition at Riverside Park Speedway," says Lewandoski. "The drivers can't wait to get their cars into the stadium."

"There will be games and fun activities for the entire family," continued Lewandoski. "We'll have clowns, a Dunk Booth, and fans will be able to take a ride around the track in a real race car, at a safe speed of course." The winners of the Kids' Coloring Contest will also be announced on June 27th.

Victory Lane ceremonies on June 27th will be presided over by Glastonbury, CT actors Bill Luby and Corinne Crocker, who will be appearing in American Champion Entertainments' "Misfit Patrol." This action/comedy film starring Vernon Wells and Jeff Weston will be released nationwide on June 30th. American Champion Entertainment has been busy promoting the film through motorsports events. Dave Fuentes, also appearing in Misfit Patrol, sang the national anthem before the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 16th.



Town of Agawam CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 1999 BUDGET ADOPTED JUNE 15, 1998

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$61,550	\$5,500	\$350	\$0	\$67,400
Mayor	\$196,363	\$108,475	\$0	\$0	\$304,838
Law Department	\$41,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$0	\$86,000
Auditor	\$96,775	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$97,525
Clerk/Elections	\$143,480	\$975	\$0	\$0	\$144,455
Assessor	\$136,628	\$39,175	\$0	\$0	\$175,803
Data Processing	\$99,055	\$575	\$0	\$0	\$99,630
Treasurer/Collector	\$194,560	\$21,162	\$0	\$3,000	\$218,722
Police Department	\$2,540,558	\$39,975	\$12,560	\$101,412	\$2,694,505
Fire Department	\$2,267,609	\$73,676	\$26,500	\$92,800	\$2,460,585
Inspection Services	\$180,962	\$650	\$750	\$0	\$182,362
Health Department	\$292,014	\$4,225	\$2,300	\$0	\$298,539
Community Development	\$90,575	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$91,325
Library	\$457,122	\$40,745	\$112,500	\$5,252	\$615,619
Parks & Recreation	\$103,196	\$10,050	\$2,400	\$20,000	\$135,646
Council on Aging	\$210,697	\$55,275	\$2,500	\$0	\$268,472
DPW Administration	\$66,168	\$200	\$50	\$0	\$66,418
Highway & Grounds	\$784,343	\$213,195	\$270,570	\$85,000	\$1,353,108
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$128,577	\$29,810	\$199,610	\$2,780	\$360,777
Engineering	\$137,952	\$4,825	\$3,035	\$720	\$146,532
Building Maintenance	\$1,356,369	\$833,785	\$99,800	\$14,950	\$2,304,904
Agawam Public Schools					\$22,133,191
Line Items					\$8,256,514
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$42,562,870
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					
					\$1,050,000
SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					
Wastewater	\$349,957	\$1,691,805	\$35,090	\$32,366	\$2,109,218
Water	\$523,803	\$924,183	\$185,660	\$43,525	\$1,677,171
Golf Course	\$263,052	\$278,296	\$185,202	\$20,000	\$746,550
TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					\$4,532,939
TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS					\$48,145,809

Oak Ridge Golf Club Junior Golf Program

The first five classes will be held at Oak Ridge Golf Club. This year's sponsors are: **Oak Ridge Golf Club/The Strycharz Family, Agawam Advertiser News, and Longhi's Golf Facility.**

Summer 1998 Topics

- * Monday, July 13th: **Equipment, Etiquette**
- * Wednesday, July 15th: **Grip, Body Posture, Initial Takeaway**
- * Monday, July 20th: **Chipping, Rules**
- * Wednesday, July 22nd: **Putting, Etiquette, Rules**
- * Monday, July 27th: **Full Swing**
- * Wednesday, July 29th: **Chipping And Putting Contest (At Longhi's Driving Range)**

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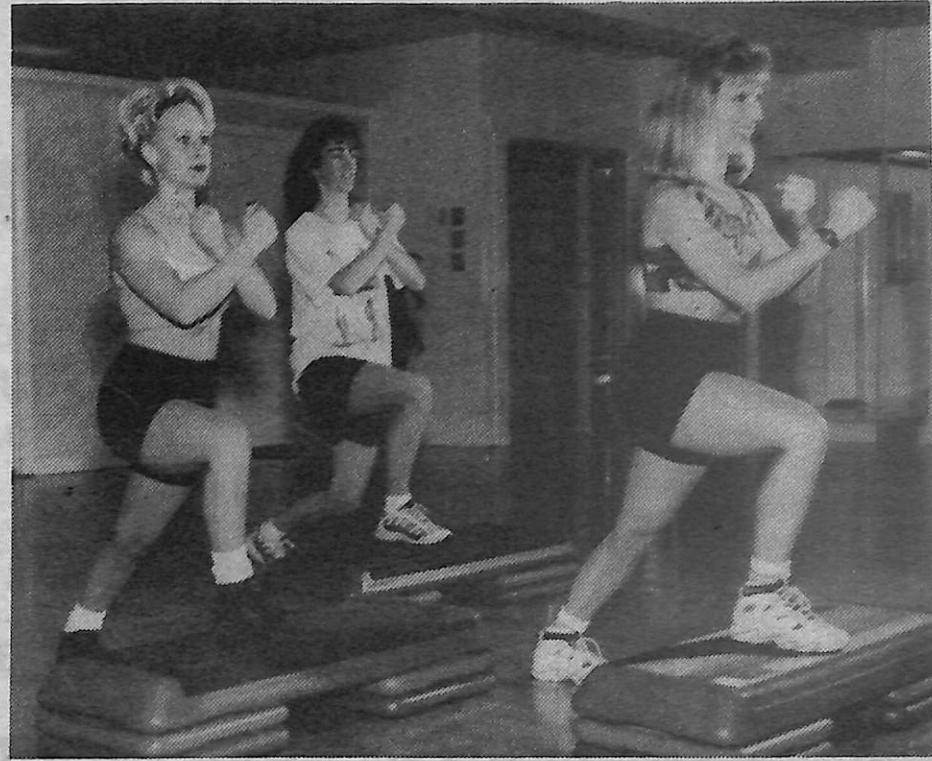
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Graduation 1998 - continued...

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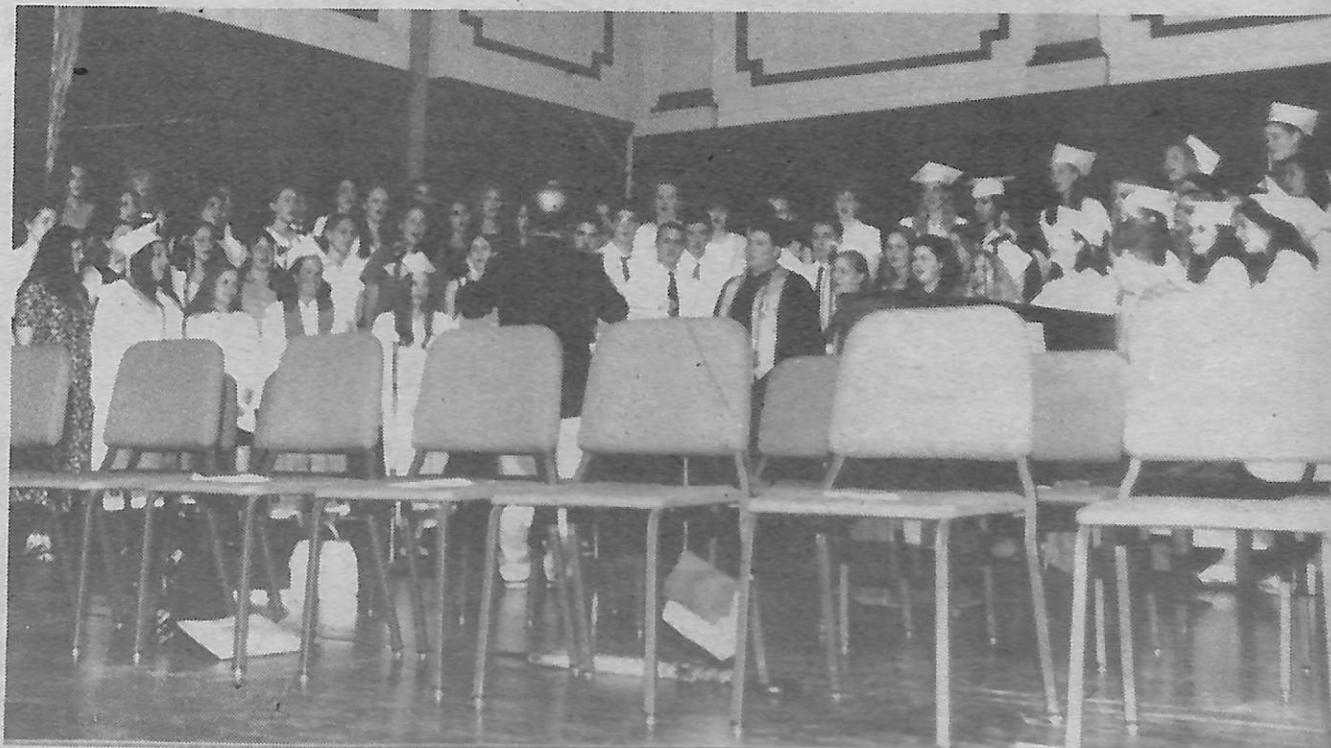
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Representing the School Committee and School Department: Teresa Kozloski, Susan Pettazzoni, Louis Massoia, Roberta Doering, Linda Galarneau, Christopher Johnson, Mary Czajkowski, Donald Charest, Frank Ameruoso, and Joseph Zabielski.



Under the direction of Stephen Files, the Agawam High School Combined Chorus performed Carl Strommen's "Like An Eagle" at AHS's 1998 Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 14th.

Esther Gonzales-Aspiazu, Nicholas E. Graham, Mark Anthony Graveline II, George H. Graves IV, ••★ Ryan Daniel Greolis, ••&Heather Rebecca Green, Scott Eugene Guyer, ••Shauna Lynn Hadden, ••★ Richard Birger Haglund, Jr., Michael Joseph Halpy, Donald F. Hanna, Jason David Hanscom, •&★ Jessica Ann Hansen, Kathleen Ann Hartnett, Christopher Michael Hearn, •&★ Julie Ann Heim, •Daniel John Hendrix, Joseph Michael Heneghan, Jennifer Barbara Hermans, Daniel M. Hess, ••Kevin Richard Hill.

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••★ Julie Ann Laflamme, Candie Louise LaFountain, Derek L. Lajeunesse, • Ian Thomas Lane, ••Cheryl Lynne Lanier, ••Karen Ann Lapienski, Mark C. Lapienski, *Jennifer Nicole LaPorte, ••★ Christina Marie LaValley, Veronicalynn Marion LaValley, Nicolette Christine Lawson, *Luan Huu Le, •Kin Lee, •&Tae Geon Lee, Rebecca Ann Leithoff, Damien P. Lemelin II, Andrea Therese Leven, •&Courtney Cass Locke, Toni Loguidice, Melissa Jo Losito, Aimee Nicole Loudfoot, Eric James Luccardi, Jamie L. Luccardi, Jill Ann Lungarini, •Jeffrey David Lyman, ••Jeremy J. Lynch, •Jeffrey Allen Machia, ••★ Raena Michelle Major, Darrell P. Malachowski.

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Rebecka Susan Mutti, Paul Michael Netopski, Nathalie Margretha Nijman, Douglas Robert Nooney, ••Matthew Norris, Gina Marie Nunziato, Stephanie Lynn O'Brien, ••Bryan Joseph O'Quinn, Peter James Ollari, Yamilette Olmo, *Aaron

Michael Orsatti, ••★ Erin Claire Ottomaniello, Daniel J. Outhuse, Jennifer Michelle Pappas, •&★ Kristen Marie Patterson, Toni Marie Peets, Kristina Marie Perry, Shannon Rose Pfeffer, Julie Marie Pisano, ••Anthony L. Planzo, Richard A. Poggi, Andrew Pond, Alison Marie Pratt, ••David Allen Preston, Ryan Kendal Progulske, ••Jennifer Lynn Quigley, ••✓Nicole Lee Quintin.

Marcia Lea Rackliffe, Joella Raiche, •★ Brooke Lee Ramah, Denise Reinhold, Robert Remillard, ••Jennifer Lee Rendick, Laura LeeAnn Rider, Camilla Cecilia B. Ringvold, Thomas M. Roberts, •&★ Eric Ian Robinson, Kelly Lynn Robinson, •Jennifer Katherine Rondinelli, Darrick Joseph Roy, Jessica Ann Roy, Linda Therese Roy, Sandra Anne Rueli, Adam Michael Sagan, Angela A. Sales, ••Jennifer Santucci, Jennifer Marian Savageau, Michael John Savioli, •★ Alison Leigh Scherban, Kimberly Jane Scherpa, *Jason Louis Scott, •&Karen Elizabeth Shaw, •&Elisabeth Cailin Shea, Melanie Ann Shean.

•★ Shawn Francis Sherry, Philip Medeiros Silva, •&★ ✓Jennifer Anne Smist, Suzanne Marie Smith, Timothy E. Smyth, ••Jonathan William Solecki, •Andrew Donald St. Jean, •&★ ✓Daryl Paul St. Laurent, *Ryan P. Stack, Justin Michael Stacy, Erik J. Stauch, Dawn E. Stoddard, Kevin E. Suffriti, •John M. Szymczyk, Jason A. Tanzer, •&★ Angela Rose Tassinari, ••&Jennifer Carmell Thibodeau, Matthew J. Thouin, Nick Andrew Thouin.

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Daniel Balbony, one of this year's Junior Marshals.



Junior Marshal Nicole Macey during the graduation processional at Springfield Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 14th.

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The staff of the Agawam Advertiser News congratulates all of Agawam High's graduates...

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Under the direction of Tamara Watson, the Agawam High School Concert Band (pictured above and below) performed Charles Carter's "Symphonic Overture" during this year's Graduation Exercises.



AHS's Yearbook...

"Sachem '98" Reflects Students' Creativity And Ongoing Expansion At The High School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Most students, staff, and visitors to Agawam High School spent the year trying to ignore the inconveniences of the ongoing construction project renovating the school and adding an 18-classroom wing. But not the senior class staffers of the yearbook.

Rather than trying to sidestep the construction areas, *Sachem* staffers embraced the construction crews' efforts, adopting the hardhat areas as the theme for the 1998 issue of *Sachem*. Aptly named *Expansion*, the yearbook features a cover adorned with the familiar accouterments of any building project, including tools, blueprints, and the bright yellow caution signs warning of danger within the hardhat areas.

Tying in the yellow of the caution sign on the front cover, *Sachem* staffers chose a bright yellow, displaying photos and drawings of heavy construction equipment, for the end sheets encompassing the book's nearly 300 pages of photos, text, and class memories.

Sachem staffers worked hard to carry the theme of expanding their school as well as their lives throughout the book, using backgrounds of authentic blueprints of the school expansion project for the senior photo section, and using backgrounds featuring construction motifs for the remaining pages of *Expansion*.

Picking up on the tones of the yellow end sheet, the index page carries a unique time-lapse photo showing the high school's new entrance under construction, bathed in a yellow light. The image is a result of a midnight photo shoot by *Sachem* advisor David Pulaski.

"Every year, the *Sachem* staff tries to outdo the previous year's edition and they always do," Pulaski said. "Expansion was used at a seminar at Western New England College in May for 300 students from all over New England as an example of excellence and creativity."

Pulaski, along with the rest of the high school's teaching staff, credits the success of the student publication to the excellent group of students behind the effort.

Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Amber Conte, the yearbook staff came together with the

assistance of Associate Editors Elisa Shea and Daryl St. Laurent.

Among the difficulties to be overcome were scheduling conflicts which prevented some staffers, including Associate Editor Elisa Shea, from taking yearbook as a class, requiring a reorganization of the staff.

Getting The Copy PERFECT...

A combination of Amber's dedication, Elisa's willingness to work long hours without receiving academic credit, and Daryl's determination to get the copy PERFECT, allowed the editors to pull through the tough times.

Headed by Sara Drenzek, layout staffers Michele Ingalls, Kristin Ferguson, Jen Zerra, and Bob Bousquet pitched in to ensure every copy block and picture fit perfectly. Despite the occasional groan of anguish, the job was done and done right.

Literary Editor Kevin Cornwell made sure the copy was grammatically correct with the right touch of creativity to keep readers interested. Literary staffers Jen Smist and Jess Hansen deserve credit for their work, which will be appreciated by the Class of '98 as they leaf through the book in years to come.

Photography Editor Gina Markowski was charged with making sure a shutterbug was always on hand to get the snapshots chronicling athletic, social, and academic activities throughout the year. Photographers Angie Tassinari, Darcy Bates, Jen Thibodeau, and Jessica Franks were on hand to capture the year's most exciting moments in the photos documenting a year in the life of Agawam High School.

Under the direction of Advertising Editor Lindy Gage, staffers Ali Scherban, Michelle Kowalewski, and Kadie Barrington met their deadlines to surpass the amount of money needed to keep the yearbook affordable for the students.

Sports staffers Kristen Patterson and Stephanie Fleming wrote the play-by-play captions, making readers feel a part of the action.

Secretary Lonnie DeLuca took on a variety of

responsibilities, taking attendance, looking over proofs, and helping out wherever she was needed.

Melissa Berry and Karen Shaw, as the business staff, took on the job of getting to school early to take yearbook orders. Working with the advertising staff as well as taking yearbook orders, Melissa and Karen handled thousands of dollars as they kept the yearbook within budget.

Yearbook prices are in the \$45 to \$50 range at other area high schools, but *Sachem* was priced at just \$23 because the staff never misses a deadline, the business staff pulls in the ads, and Pulaski puts the project out to bid each year in order to get the lowest possible price from competing publishers.

"The Publishers Expect Creativity..."

"The publishers expect creativity out of Agawam High School and they get it," Pulaski said. "Just look at how the kids used construction images on every page to carry the theme through the book, and look at the complexity of the background and layout of each page. The creativity of these kids is phenomenal."

With a page dedicated to every club, sport, or activity at the school, the book has over 3,000 photographs and includes a number of features rarely seen in high school yearbooks.

For instance, the 16-page color "yearzine" wrapping up the highlights of the year in news and entertainment will give the Class of '98 a time capsule of what was going on in the world during their senior year. The senior captions section will always be a reminder of what thoughts they wanted to leave behind for posterity — if they could just remember what all the abbreviations and initials mean.

Although some communities have stopped including senior captions, the feature remains one of *Sachem*'s most treasured traditions among the students as their chance to send personal messages to their families, their friends, and sometimes to their teachers.

With close to 300 pages of photos and text presented in a 9" x 12" format, *Expansion* is the largest issue of *Sachem*'s illustrious history.

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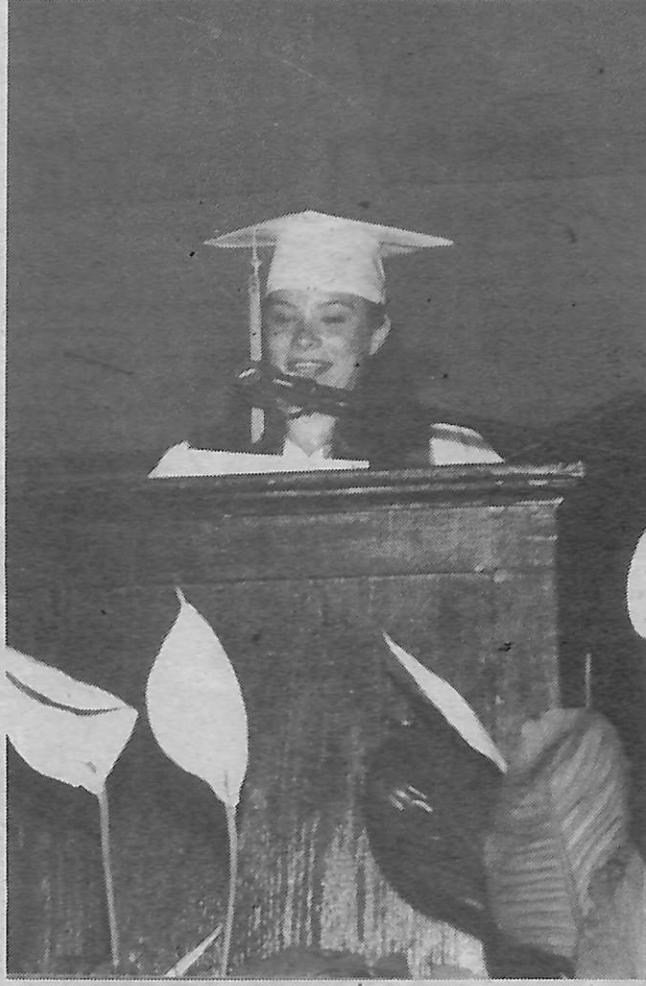
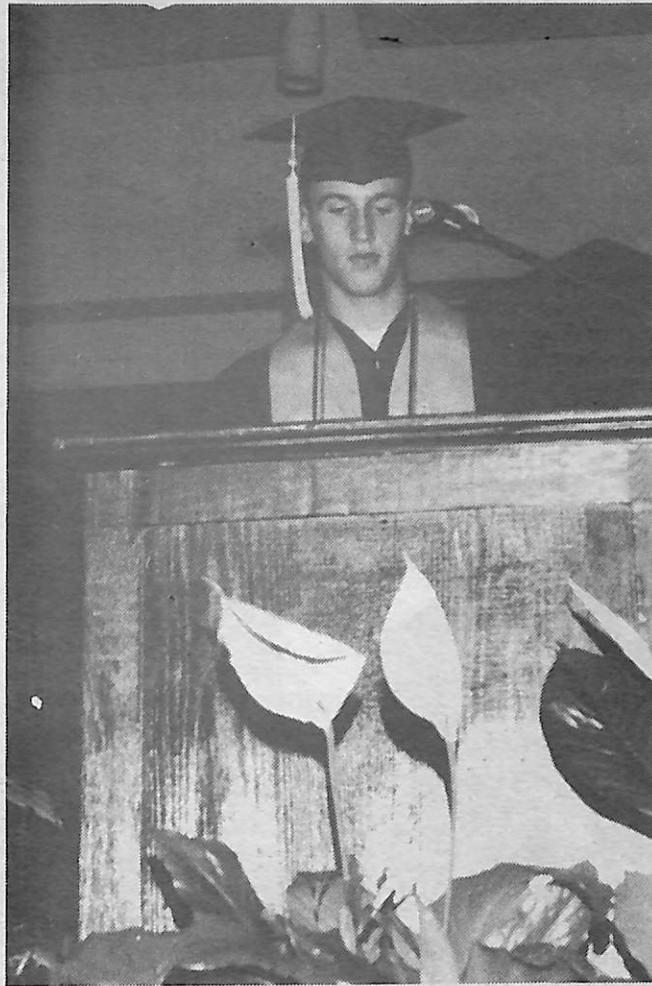
We, the Agawam High School yearbook staff, would like to extend our sincere thanks to the businesses and friends of the class of 1998 who purchased an advertisement in the 1998 SACHEM. With your support we were able to "construct" an incredible yearbook. We owe you a great deal of gratitude, so again, thank you for your contribution and best wishes for a prosperous summer.

*Sincerely,
Amber Conte, Editor
Mr. David Pulaski, Advisor*

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Addressing their fellow 1998 AHS graduates: Andrew St. Jean (left), Senior Class President; Salutatorian Michele Ingalls (center); and Valedictorian Daryl St. Laurent (right).

The Class That "Turned The Corner" For AHS...

Agawam's 1998 Graduates Have A Great Deal To Be Proud Of

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

As a class, they rose to the occasion to achieve the scores on statewide testing that turned the tide of criticism leveled at Agawam Public Schools.

On Sunday, June 14th, the AHS graduating class of 1998 rose in Springfield's Symphony Hall to turn their tassels from one side of their mortarboards to the other, signifying the end of one phase of their lives and the launching point of their entrance into the world as high school graduates.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson told the packed gathering, "This is the class that turned the corner for Agawam High School and we are forever grateful to you."

Johnson urged the class members to remember to thank their families, teachers, and friends for "without them, you wouldn't be here."

On the verge of beginning their adult lives, the class received the same advice given to the Mayor by his father on the verge of Johnson's first mayoral campaign.

"Go for it. Set your goals high and you can do

anything you put your mind to, if you work hard," Johnson said.

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski credited the class with rising to the occasion as sophomores to completely reverse the disappointing MEAPS scores that had been the target of so much criticism three years ago.

"The class of 1998 is unique, individualistic, and they can get the job done and do very positive things when it had to," Zabielski said. "As sophomores, I asked this class to use their talents and try hard on the MEAPS testing and they rose to the occasion."

Citing examples of historic figures who encountered and overcame many obstacles to eventually triumph, Zabielski urged the graduates never to give up on themselves.

"Persevere. Throughout your lives, continually persevere and don't ever quit on yourselves. If the college you've chosen is not for you, pick another one. If you're in a relationship or career that's not working for you, get another one. You are talented, educated, and capable. Take that with you and use it to persevere," Zabielski said.

In his Valedictory Address, Daryl St. Laurent urged his classmates to let go of the fear of being different and to use their creativity to stand out in the crowd.

"When things don't turn out as you expected, try again. Persistence does pay off. Agawam High School gave us a good education in academics and in life," St. Laurent said. "Dare to explore the possible and never give up."

Class Salutatorian Michele Ingalls focused her remarks on the life-changing experiences the class had over their four years at AHS.

"I'm sure no one here is the same person they were four years ago," Miss Ingalls said. "For me, it's been the band that has made me the person I am today. My involvement with color guard has given me the confidence, discipline, and leadership skill that will serve me throughout my life."

Offering his congratulations to the class, School Superintendent Frank Ameruoso said, "As you grow and mature into productive citizens, we're confident you will be the leaders we look to for direction, support, and security in the future."

Middle School PTO Awards Five Scholarships

The Agawam Middle School PTO wishes to congratulate its five 1998 scholarship recipients from Agawam High School's class of 1998, each of whom has received \$200 from the PTO.

The Lisa Ziegert Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Jane Bonini. The four remaining scholarships were awarded to Joella Raiche, Michelle Kowalewski, Jennifer Zerra, and Lonnie DeLuca.

The members of the Middle School PTO are proud of these outstanding young women and wish them continued success in their college years.

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Congratulations to all of AHS's 1998 graduates!!!

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You turn our pages for all the local school news...



Graduation 1998 - continued...

Senior Awards Night..."

Honoring Four Years Of Achievement

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At Senior Awards Night, state and local officials urged the graduates to recognize the importance of education in their lives and to remember the importance of family, friends, and teachers in helping them to achieve success in their high school careers.

Before assisting school administrators in handing out dozens of academic awards and scholarships from booster clubs and civic organizations, AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski told the seniors, "I thank you for all the good things you've done for Agawam High School. When I think of the class of 1998, that is how I see you."

Extending his congratulations to the class of 1998, School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson told the assembly, "When you see the honors these students have received, it is no small measure of the work they have put into their education."

School Superintendent Frank Ameruoso reminded the students of the pivotal role played by their parents, teachers, school administrators, and friends in helping them to achieve the accomplishments being honored by awards from their school and scholarships from civic organizations.

"We, in a sense, share in your achievements," Ameruoso told the graduating seniors. "You need to know that with these awards comes much love from your parents, faculty, and friends."

Assistant State Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian commended the parents of the honorees for making education so important in the lives of their children.

"It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child, but that village begins at home," Melconian stated. "It is the families and the parents who are the fundamental part of their children's success."

Melconian urged the students to follow the principle that has guided her throughout her career: "Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself."

State Representative Daniel Keenan told the students to focus on the important things in life, education and friendship, rather than getting caught up in the pressure of worrying about which college to attend, which major to enroll in, or which career to follow.

"If you remember that friendship is important and education is continuum that never ends, you'll be successful," Keenan said. "If you are really friends with people and share your life with them, you can change the world, just as education changes the world."



At the AHS Senior Awards Night: Bernadette Conte, Joseph Zabielski, Christopher Johnson, Frank Ameruoso, Linda Melconian, Daniel Keenan, Donald Charest, Mary Czajkowski, and Kathleen McSweeney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Members of Agawam High's Class of 1998 are about to applaud the efforts of their fellow graduates during this year's Senior Awards Night on Thursday, June 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"Good-Bye, High School!!!": These "decorated" sheets adorning AHS's tennis courts feature a variety of messages from the Class of 1998. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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AHS's 1998 Scholarships And Awards

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I (COLLEGE CREDIT)

Jessica Hansen, Michele Ingalls.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I

Shawn Anderson, Kadie Barrington, Lonnie DeLuca, Trisha Fiorini, Daniel Outhuse, Jennifer Rendick, Darrick Roy, Kim Scherpa.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS MATH APPLICATIONS

Yamilette Olmo.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Karen Lapienski.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING I

Julie Laflamme, Rebecka Mutti.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING II

Carolyn Clini, Karen Lapienski, Amy Mastroianni.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN KEYBOARDING FOR LEGAL AND MEDICAL CAREERS

Joella Raiche.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WORD PROCESSING I

Courtney Locke, Jeffrey Machia, Raena Major.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT IN AUTOMOTIVE

Sally Cadieux.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN ALLIED HEALTH

Kristina Perry.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

Kristina Perry.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Daryl St. Laurent.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

Sara Bonini, Caroline Clini.

MILDRED REED ENGLISH AWARD

Maureen Dimock.

21ST CENTURY BOOK AWARDS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ENGLISH

Jonathan Couture, Maureen Dimock, Melissa Boisonneault.

FAMILY/CONSUMER/ HEALTH SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Heidi Benton, Karen Braccialarghe, Maureen Dimock, Aimee Dubay, Jennifer Fell, Christina Januska, Kelly Knowlton, Erin Ottomaniello, Terri Zarr.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL FOODS

Stefanie Domaingue.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CULINARY ARTS

Trisha Fiorini, Karen Lapienski, Jennifer Quigley, Kimberly Scherpa.

EXCELLENCE IN ALL FOODS CLASSES

Michael Aloisi.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Alex Adzhigirey, Asa Allen, Michael Aloisi, Joseph Andreoli, Darcy Bates, Anna Bialas, Erik Blackman, Mark DellNegro, Trish Fiorini, Carmen Gonzalez, Joseph Ieraci, Karen Lapienski, Jill Lungarini, Sandra Rueli, John Szymczyk, Timothy Veighay.

HONOR CORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT PINS ART

Tracy Butler.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Karen Lapienski.

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ENGLISH

Brad Tilden.

FAMILY/CONSUMER/HEALTH SCIENCES

Katie Day, Raena Major.

MATHEMATICS

Daryl St. Laurent.

MUSIC

Carolyn Clini, James Crowley.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Brooke Ramah.

SCIENCE

Daryl St. Laurent.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Andrew St. Jean.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Michael Aloisi.

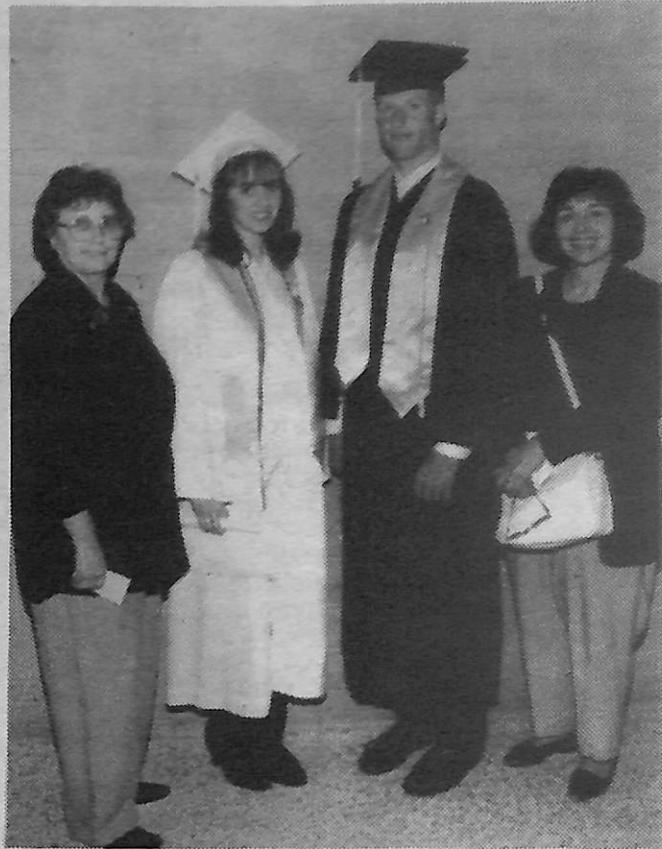
WORLD LANGUAGE

Seema Gada.

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Laura Paul of the Robinson Park PTO with Barbara Skolnick Scholarship recipients Christina Januska and Sarah Bonini.



Lioness Club Scholarship recipients Christina Januska and Ryan White with Club members Rosemarie Maniscalco and Cindy Porowski.



Rosalie Dialessi of the Agawam Junior Women's Club congratulates Kelly Knowlton, who received an AJWC scholarship.



Lioness Club Co-Presidents Marianne Campbell and Eileen Eagan with scholarship winners Seema Gada, Ryan White, and Christina Januska.



At Storowton Tavern in West Springfield, Curt Fuller and Tim Ayre of the Agawam Rotary Club with 1998 scholarship recipients Timothy Coombs, Lonnie DeLuca, and Amber Conte.



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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Michelle Ingalls, Daryl St. Laurent.

MATH TEAM AWARDS

Ted Lee, Eric Robinson, Daryl St. Laurent.

MATH CLUB AWARDS

Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, Stefanie Domaingue, Richard Feeley, Jessica Ferris, Stephanie Fleming, Seema Gada, Julie Heim, Kelly Knowlton, Jeffrey Lyman, Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Elisabeth Shea.

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PEER LEADERSHIP

Heidi Benton, Michele Ingalls, Christina Januska, Nicole Quintin, Jennifer Smist, Jennifer Zerra.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Heather Arcangeletti, Heidi Benton, Melissa Berry, Sarah Bonini, Karen Braccialarghe, Stephen Charest, Amber Conte, Kevin Cornwell, Maureen Dimock, Seema Gada, Daniel Hendrix, Ian Lane, Courtney Locke, Kristen Patterson, Daryl St. Laurent.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

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Katherine Anderson, Kadeline Barrington, Darcy Bates, Melissa Berry, Robert Bousquet, Amber Conte, Kevin Cornwell, Jonathan Couture, James Crowley, Lonnie DeLuca, Maureen Dimock, Sara Drenzek, Aimee Dubay, Richard Feeley, Kristin Ferguson, Stephanie Fleming, Jessica Francis, Lindy Gage, Heather Greene, Jessica Hansen, Julie Heim, Michele Ingalls, Michelle Kowalewski, Ted Lee, Courtney Locke, Gina Markowski, Kristen Patterson, Eric Robinson, Karen Shaw, Elisabeth Shea, Jennifer Smist, Daryl St. Laurent, Angela Tassinari, Jennifer Thibodeau, Brad Tilden, Ryan White, Jennifer Zerra.

RENAISSANCE

Darcy Bates, Heidi Benton, Jonathan Bernard, Melissa Berry, Erik Blackman, Sarah Bonini, Robert Bousquet, Karen Braccialarghe, Tracy Butler, Jaime Callahan, David Cassanelli, Carolyn Clini, Amber Conte, Kevin Cornwell, Lonnie DeLuca, Stefanie Domaingue, Aimee Dubay, Richard Feeley, Jennifer Fell, Kristin Ferguson, Jessica Ferris, Stephanie Fleming, Seema Gada, Lindy Gage, Kyle Gendron, Ryan Grealis, Richard Haglund, Jessica Hansen, Julie Heim, Tamzeena Hutchinson, Michelle Ingalls, Geoffrey Krapf, Julie Laflamme, Christina LaValley, Raena Major, Gary Mantolesky, Gina Markowski, Amy Mastroianni, Erin Ottomaniello, Kristen Patterson, Brooke Ramah, Eric Robinson, Alison Scherban, Shawn Sherry, Jennifer Smist, Daryl St. Laurent, Jennifer Zerra.

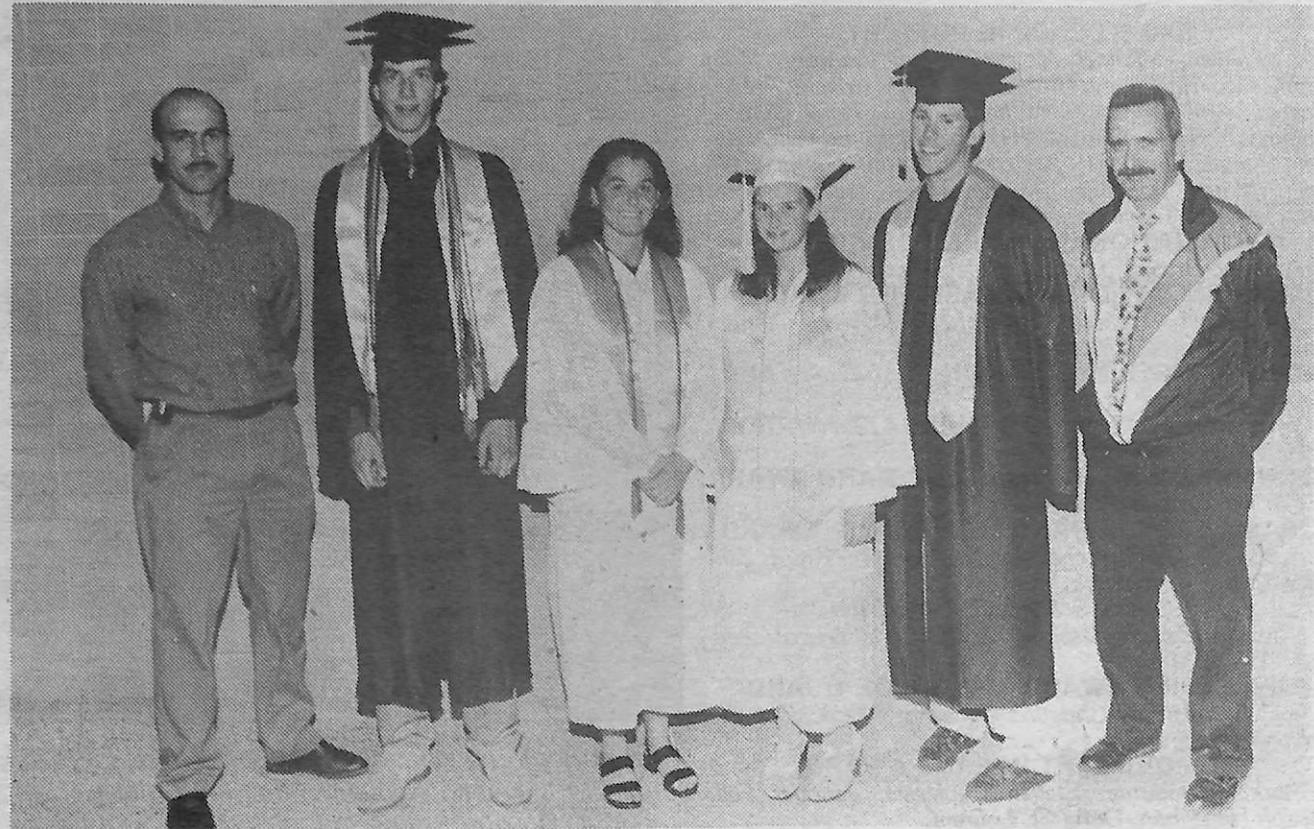
SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT DAR - AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

Jessica DeGray.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT EXCELLENCE IN DRAWING AND PAINTING

Brian Butler, Tracy Butler, Stephen Charest, Jessica Francis, Ryan Grealis, Heather Green, Tamzeena Hutchinson.

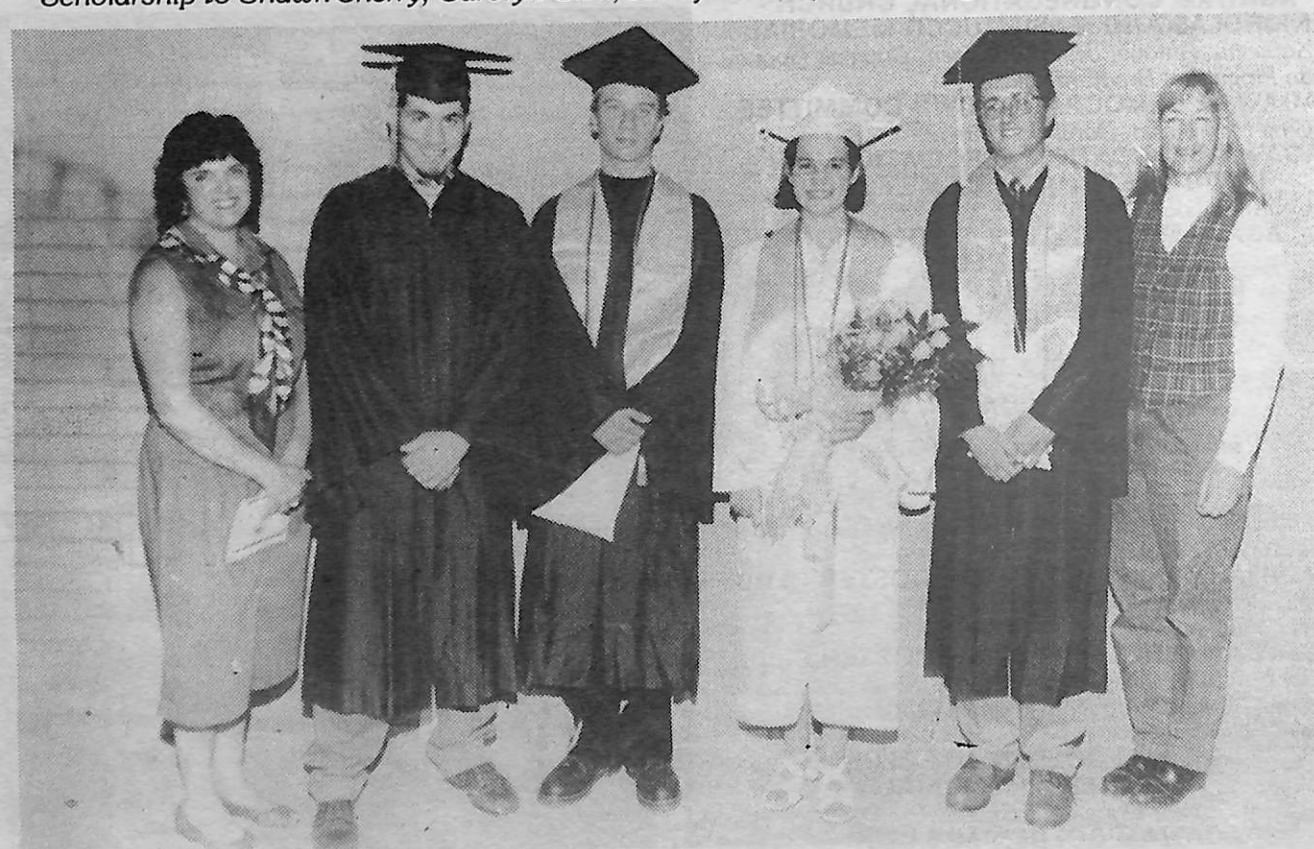
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Alan Corbin, Chairman of the Agawam Soccer Association's Scholarship Committee; scholarship recipients Daryl St. Laurent, Julie Laflamme, Karen Shaw, and Bryan O'Quinn; and Dave Shaw, President of the Agawam Soccer Association.



Mary Gontczaruk, representing the AHS Band Parents, presents the Lisa M. Ziegert Band Scholarship to Shawn Sherry, Carolyn Clini, Jennifer Smist, Michele Ingalls, and Daniel Hendrix.



Rosalie Dialessi and Laura Paul congratulate the recipients of the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship: Eric Belisle, Brad Tilden, Sarah Bonini, and Jonathan Couture. (Missing Maureen Dimock.)



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EXCELLENCE IN POTTERY

Asa Allen, Michael Aloisi, Michael Beaudry, Mary Briancesco, Rashawn Brookins, Jennifer Cascio, Ashley Corbin, Amber Conte, Katherine Day, Kara Dumas, Shauna Hadden, Christie Kirk, Nicoletta Lawson, Kin Lee, Aimie Loudfoot, Amy Mastroianni, Nathalie Nijman, Marcia Rackliffe, Brooke Ramah, Jennifer Rendick, Angela Tassinari, Maria Tirone, Ray Watson.

ARION NATIONAL AWARD FOR CHORUS

Amanda Bryars, James Crowley.

ARION NATIONAL AWARD FOR BAND

Katherine Anderson, Matthew Norris, Angela Tassinari, Bradford Tilden.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG NATIONAL JAZZ AWARD

Daniel Hendrix.

WOODY HERMAN NATIONAL JAZZ AWARD

Kevin Cornwell.

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA NATIONAL BAND AWARD

Carolyn Clin, Shawn Sherry.

LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jessica DeGray, Michele Ingalls, Geoffrey Krapf, Jennifer Smist, Ryan Stack.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR BAND

David Cassanelli, Jessica Hansen, Christina LaValley, Ryan White.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR COLOR GUARD

Jaime Callahan, Christina Januska, Nicole Quintin, Jennifer Rondinelli.

IMPROVEMENT IN BAND AWARD

Mark Berthiaume, Steven Duplessis, Jennifer Fell, Joseph Heneghan, Daryl St. Laurent.

IMPROVEMENT IN COLOR GUARD AWARD

Becky Howard.

BAND SPIRIT AWARD

Katy McDougal.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LA SOCIETE HONORAIRE FRANCAIS

Daryl St. Laurent, Simon Tyrberg.

LA SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPANICA

Diana Abdala, Robert Bousquet, Carolyn Clin, Amber Conte, Kevin Cornwell, Kristin Ferguson, Stephanie Fleming, Seema Gada, Michele Ingalls, Christina Januska, Angela Tassinari, Jennifer Zerra.

1998 SCHOLARSHIPS

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - ROBERT F. HERSEY, PRESIDENTIAL

Jill DeMarco, Bryan O'Quinn, Ryan Progulske, Elisabeth Shea.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - EDWARD CONNOR

Kevin Cornwell, Jonathan Couture, Shauna Hadden, Joseph Ieraci, Jeffrey Lyman.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - GERALD J. MASON

Kristen Patterson.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - NICHOLAS LASKY MEMORIAL

Jason Hanscom.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - PHYLLIS M. MASON

Amber Conte.

AGAWAM BOYS BASKETBALL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Robert Bousquet, Kevin Cornwell, Kyle Gendron, Jason Hanscom, Ian Lane, Jeffrey Lyman, Bryan O'Quinn, Ryan White.

AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christina Januska, Courtney Locke.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - NICHOLAS AND MARIE ZUCCO MEMORIAL

Katherine Antaya, Jessica Hansen, Douglas Nooney, Ryan Progulske, Bradford Tilden.

AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Gina Markowski, Daryl St. Laurent.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) - DAVID THEODOROWICZ MEMORIAL

Courtney Locke.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - 21-WEEK CLUB

Lindy Gage.

AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB

Carolyn Clin.

AGAWAM GIRLS BASKETBALL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, Vanessa Galluzzo, Shauna Hadden, Kristen Patterson, Elisabeth Shea.

AGAWAM GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

Michelle Berry, Stephanie Fleming, Shauna Hadden, Kelli Kunkel, Alison Pratt, Jennifer Zerra.

AGAWAM GIRLS LACROSSE BOOSTER CLUB

Jill DeMarco, Sarah Drenzek, Lindy Gage, Cheryl Lanier, Alison Pratt.

AGAWAM GIRLS SOFTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Amber Conte, Stephanie Fleming, Vanessa Galluzzo, Shauna Hadden, Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Alison Scherian.

AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB - CHAPTER II MEMORIAL

Ashley Corbin, Daryl St. Laurent.

AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB - IN MEMORY OF RUTH BIRCHALL

Jeffrey Lyman.

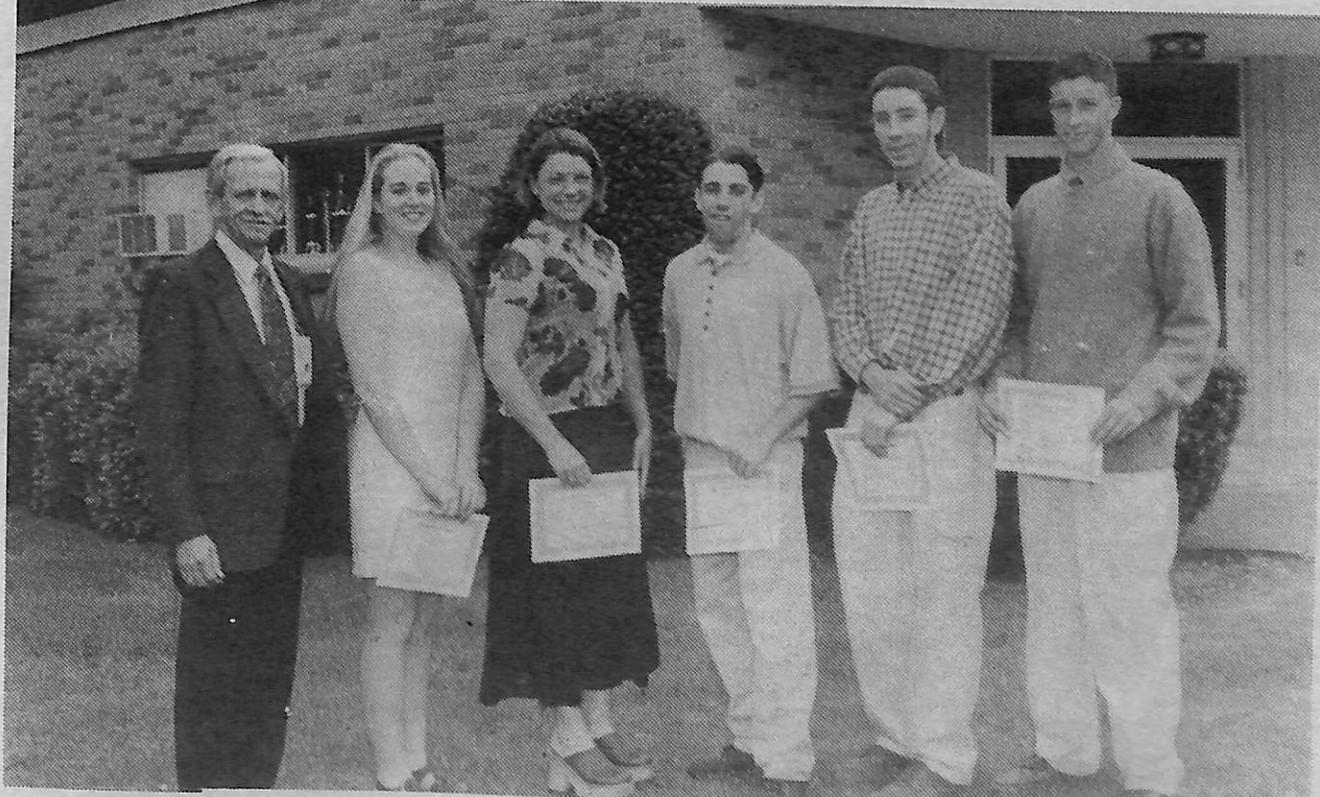
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Heidi Semarie from St. Mary's, Westfield, and Liz Christian from Cathedral High School, Springfield, received Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarships from Laura Paul, Stephanie Bertagnoli, Laurie Snow, Li-Ling Waller, and Laura Lapierre.



The 1998 Agawam UNICO Scholarships recipients: S. Thomas Martinelli (Scholarship Chairman, UNICO), Kevin Cornwell, Jennifer Zerra, Daryl St. Laurent, Lonnie DeLuca, Amber Conte, Gina Markowski, Heather Cushing, and Sal Morassi, Jr. (UNICO).



Edward Connor presents the Edward M. Connor Scholarship (Agawam Athletic Association) to Shauna Hadden, Heidi Semarie, Joe Ieraci, Kevin Cornwell, and Jeff Lyman.



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AGAWAM GRIDIRON PARENTS

Michael Aloisi, Vincent Curto, George Graves, Ian Lane, Darrell Malachowski, Eric Melbourne, Anthony Planzo, Andrew St. Jean, Ryan Wilson, Michael Wing.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS/

LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND SCHOLARSHIP

Carolyn Clin, Daniel Hendrix, Michele Ingalls, Shawn Sherry, Jennifer Smist.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Robert Bousquet, Kevin Cornwell, Richard Feeley, Kyle Gendron, Jason Hanscom, Austin Kimball, Eric Melbourne, Gary Mantolesky, Bryan O'Quinn, Ryan Progulske, Andrew St. Jean, Ryan White, Michael Wing.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AWARD

Ashley Corbin, Andrew Pond, Melissa Losito, Eric Robinson.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Heather Arcangeletti, Melissa Boissonneault, Stephen Charest, Daniel Cizek, Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, Jessica Ferris, Kyle Gendron, Jason Hanscom, Lee Kunkler, Julie Laflamme, Cheryl Lanier, Jeffrey Lyman, Gary Mantolesky, Amy Mastroianni, Kevin McKay, Bryan O'Quinn, Kristen Patterson, Ryan Progulske, Jennifer Quigley, Bradford Tilden.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL TRACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Jessica DeGray, Lonnie DeLuca, Steven Duplessis, Kristin Ferguson, Jessica Ferris, Heather Green, Joseph Heneghan, Daniel Hendrix, Lee Kunkler, Ian Lane, Aimee Loudfoot, Raffin Maneechayangkoon, Bradford Tilden, Jennifer Zerra.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB

William Bellico, Ryan Grealis, Kevin Hill, Kevin McKay, Justin Stacy.

AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Sarah Bonini.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Eric Belisle, Sarah Bonini, Jonathan Couture, Maureen Dimock, Kelly Knowlton, Bradford Tilden.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB

Seema Gada, Christina Januska, Ryan White.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - GENERAL

Sarah Bonini, Lonnie DeLuca, Daryl St. Laurent, John Szymczyk.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - FREDERICK T. DACEY

Gina Markowski.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - HELEN HARDINA NURSING

Christina Januska.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Lonnie DeLuca, Michelle Kowalewski, Joella Raiche, Jennifer Zerra.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO/ LISA ZIEGERT MEMORIAL

Sarah Bonini.

AGAWAM MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amber Conte, Christina Januska.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Jill DeMarco, Eric Fay, Julie Laflamme, Gary Mantolesky, Bryan O'Quinn, Karen Shaw, Daryl St. Laurent.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION - RICH PAROLO MEMORIAL

Amber Conte.

ALPHA CHAPTER - DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SCHOLARSHIP & BOOK AWARD

Julie Heim.

ANDERSON-MORIN MEMORIAL

Amber Conte, Bryan O'Quinn.

BARBARA SKOLNICK SCHOLARSHIP

Christina Januska, Sarah Bonini.

BENJAMIN MOORE MEMORIAL SKI SCHOLARSHIP

Stephen Charest.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM

Michael Beaudry, Robert Bousquet.

CHEERLEADER BOOSTER CLUB

Kadeline Barrington, Sheree Cardin, Lonnie DeLuca, Kristin Ferguson, Trish Fiorini, Julie Heim, Stefanie Karam, Michelle Kowalewski, Erin Ottomaniello, Brooke Ramah, Jennifer Rendick.

CHRISTOPHER KINSELLA MEMORIAL

Geoffrey Krapf.

CLIFFORD M. GRANGER PTO

Michelle Kowalewski, Karen Shaw.

DIANA WILLARD HALL MEMORIAL

Maureen Dimock.

EXPOSITION AREA SCHOLARSHIP/ THOMAS GAMELLI MEMORIAL AWARD

Trisha Fiorini.

FRANK MAZZA SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Maureen Dimock, Andrea Leven.

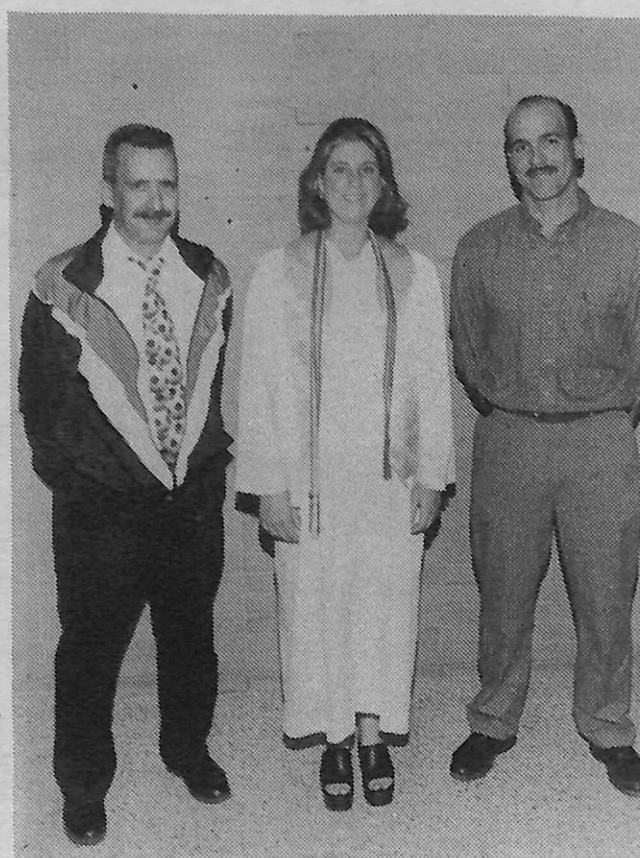
FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA - B.J. PHELPS CLUB

Sarah Bonini, Jill DeMarco, Aimee DeVall, Stefanie Domaingue, Stephanie Fleming, Maria Giordano, Julie Heim, Kelly Knowlton, Nikki Lawson, Erin Ottomaniello, Shannon Pfeffer, Alison Scherban.

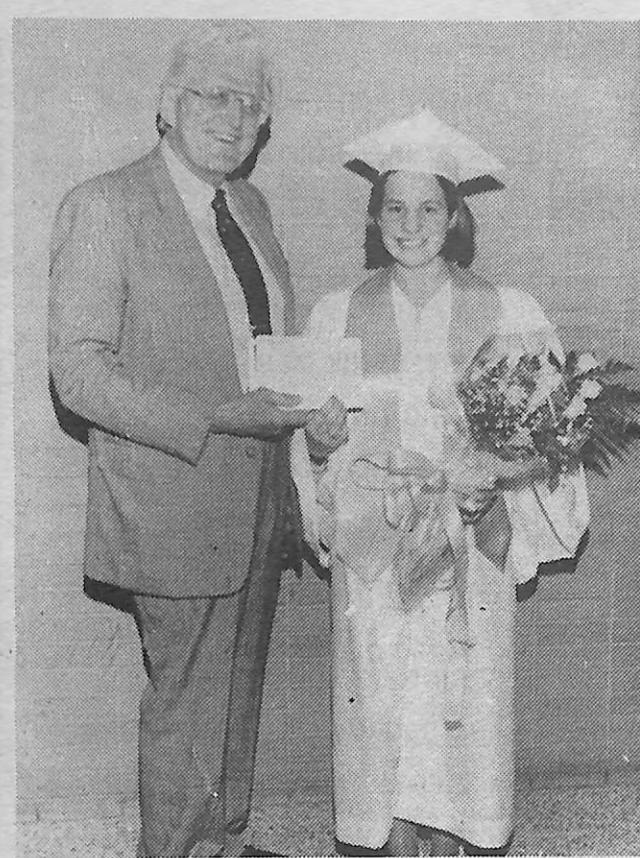
GLADYS CATCHPAUGH MEMORIAL - AMERICAN LEGION AUX. NO. 185

Jonathan Bernard.

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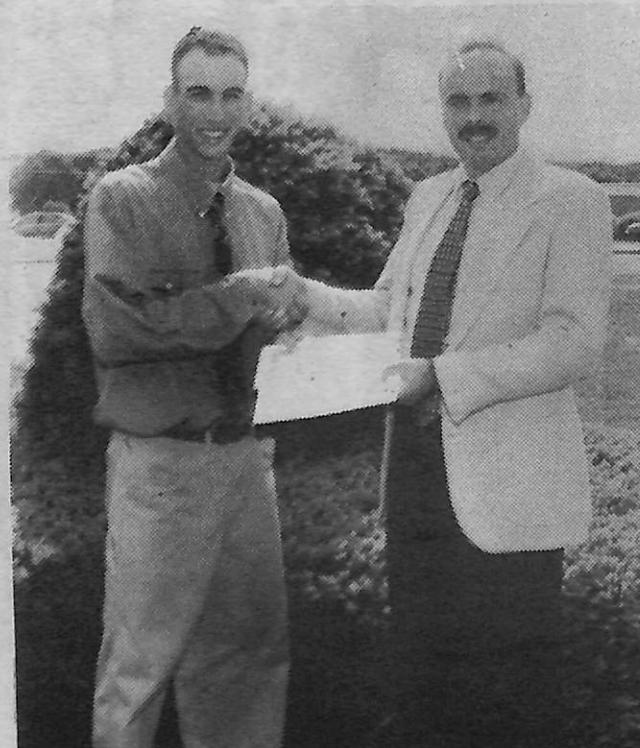
Amber Conte receives the Rich Parolo Memorial Scholarship from Dave Shaw (ASA President) and Alan Corbin (Scholarship Committee Chairman).



John Zebryk presents the Agawam Historical Association Scholarship to Sarah Bonini.



Gina Markowski (third from left) and Daryl St. Laurent (far right) receive scholarships from members of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee: Teresa Kozloski, Tom Leahy, Gina Letellier, Mary Manning, Scott Letendre, and Louis Russo.



Agawam Advertiser News editor/publisher Ric Sardella presents Jason Hanscom with the Nicholas Lasky Memorial Scholarship (AAA).



Brian Piccolo Award recipients Bryan O'Quinn and Amber Conte with UNICO representatives Sal Morassi, Jr. and S. Thomas Martinelli.



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HARMON SMITH MEMORIAL

Kristen Patterson.

HERITAGE HALL SOUTH NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

Melissa Boissonneault, Joella Raiche.

JAMES CLARK SCHOOL PTO

Robert Bousquet, Jessica DeGray, Lindy Gage.

JAY CLARK MEMORIAL - AFS AGAWAM CHAPTER

Sarah Bonini.

JILL STEFANIK MEMORIAL

Sally Cadieux.

JOHN E. HIGGINS, JR. MEMORIAL

Jessica Ferris.

JOHN M. LAZAZZERA HOCKEY MEMORIAL

Austin Kimball.

JULIA R. CRAWFORD MEMORIAL

Michelle Clauson.

KAREN L. BUFFINGTON- DELPESCHIO MEMORIAL

Sally Cadieux.

KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD/AGAWAM

Jonathan Bernard.

LEONARD DESROSIERS MEMORIAL

Austin Kimball.

LISA M. ZIEGERT MEMORIAL FUND

Kelly Knowlton, Jennifer Thibodeau.

LISA M. ZIEGERT MEMORIAL FUND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ryan Stack.

MARK CHAPMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jessica DeGray.

MARY L. O'KEEFE MEMORIAL

Asa Allen.

MINNIE BARDEN MEMORIAL

Eileen Daly, Ryan Stack.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jessica DeGray, Gina Markowski.

PARK WEST BANK & TRUST COMPANY - OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STUDENT

Jessica Hansen.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Heidi Benton, Michele Ingalls, Christina Januska, Nicole Quintin, Jennifer Smist, Jennifer Zerra.

P. JOSEPH CURRAN MEMORIAL

Alison Scherban.

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Christina Januska, Julie Laflamme, Ian Lane, Gina Markowski, Jennifer Smist, Jennifer Zerra.

RAYMOND HUSSON MEMORIAL

Stephanie Karam, Tamzeena Hutchinson.

RICHARD J. RIEKER SCHOLARSHIP

JFK COUNCIL NO. 5585 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lonnie DeLuca, Jennifer Zerra.

ROTARY CLUB OF AGAWAM - ANDREW GALLANO - ARTS

Jessica Francis.

ROTARY CLUB OF AGAWAM - RAY MCCARROLL MEMORIAL

Amber Conte, Lonnie DeLuca.

THOMAS J. DALMOLIN MEMORIAL HOCKEY/SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

Austin Kimball, Amy Mastroianni, Bryan O'Quinn, Alison Pratt.

TIMOTHY J. SUNSTROM MEMORIAL

Sarah Bonini, Robert Bousquet, Steven Charest.

TIMOTHY JOHN BENNETT MEMORIAL - MATH

Michele Ingalls, Daryl St. Laurent.

TIMOTHY JOHN BENNETT MEMORIAL - PHYSICS

Michele Ingalls, Daryl St. Laurent.

UNICO - AGAWAM CHAPTER

Amber Conte, Kevin Cornwell, Lonnie DeLuca, Gina Markowski, Daryl St. Laurent, Jennifer Zerra.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH/ REV. FRANK E. DUNN MEMORIAL

Erik Blackman, Christina LaValley.

WEST SPRINGFIELD-AGAWAM ELKS CLUB

Sarah Bonini.

WEST SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Aloisi.

WILLIAM J. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY B.J. PHELPS PTO

Kevin Cornwell, Daniel Hendrix.

WILLIAM R. CHIBA MEMORIAL - SPONSORED BY AGAWAM BOWMEN'S CLUB

Gina Markowski.

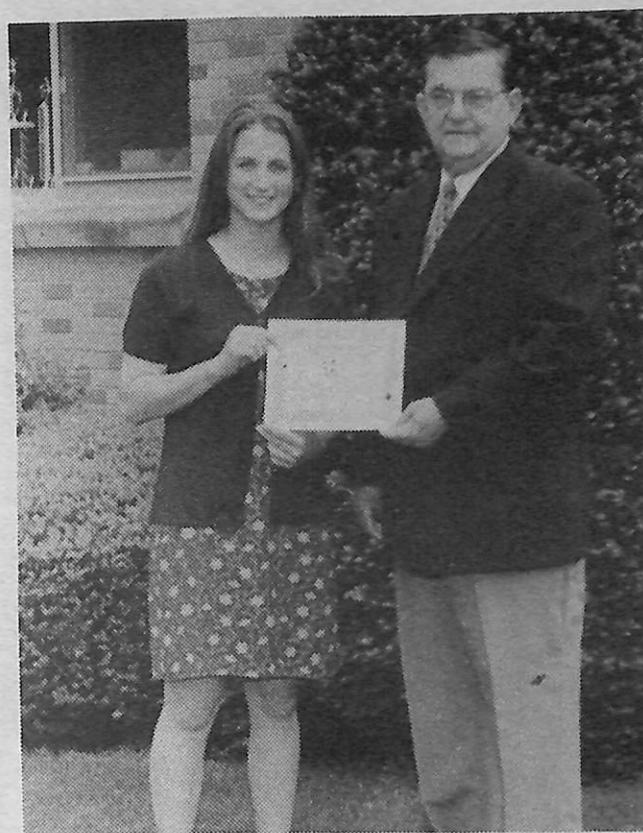
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM

Christina Januska, Gina Markowski.

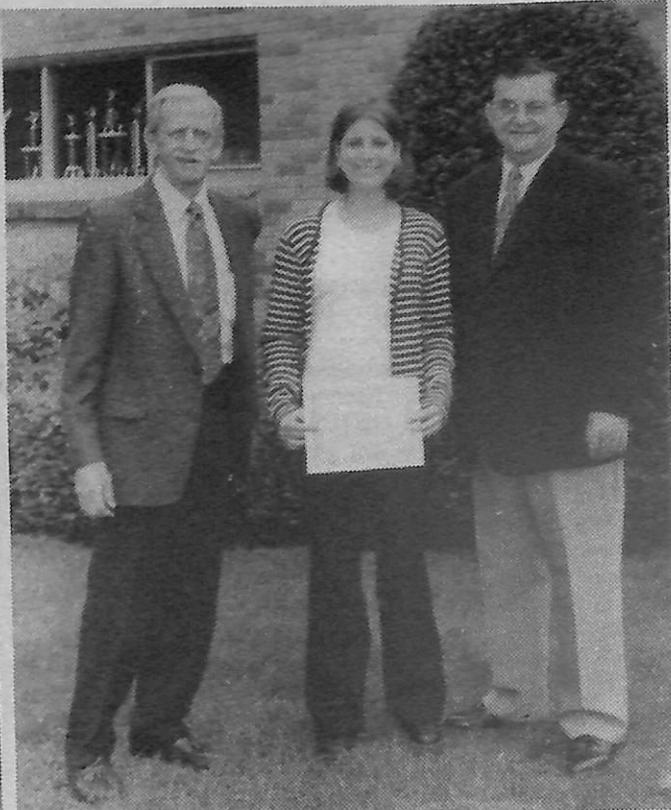
WORONOCO SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Jonathan Couture.

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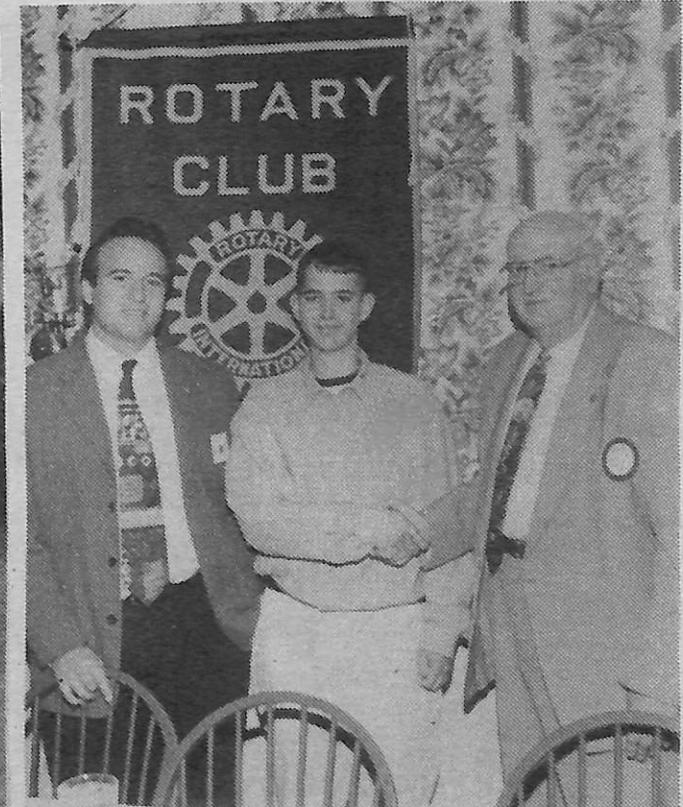
Kristen Patterson receives the Gerald J. Mason Memorial Scholarship (AAA) from Robert F. Hersey.



Amber Conte, the recipient of the Phyllis M. Mason Scholarship (AAA), with Edward Connor and Robert F. Hersey.



Robert F. Hersey with Robert F. Hersey Presidential Scholarship (AAA) recipients Elisa Shea, Jill DeMarco, and Ryan Progulske.



Tim Ayre and Charles Heyl of the Agawam Rotary Club with Pierre Dion, the winner of the First Vocational Scholarship.



Jessica Francis, winner of the Andrew Gallano Arts Scholarship, with Tim Ayre, Rotary President.



Rotary members Curt Fuller and Gina-Marie Letellier, Timothy Coombs (Ray McCarroll Memorial Scholarship winner), and Rotary President Tim Ayre.



Graduation 1998 - continued...

Ryan White Honored As A 1998 "McScholar"

Ryan White, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, has been named a recipient of the 1998 McScholar Athlete Award. White is among nearly 50 high school students from Western Massachusetts to receive the McScholar Athlete Award for their remarkable scholastic and athletic achievements. This award is sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants of Western Massachusetts.

The students were honored at the second annual McScholar reception, which was held at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield on May 6th. American Basketball League's Kara Walters, center for the New England Blizzard and a native of Holliston, MA, delivered the keynote address. The emcee for the evening was Scott Cohen, Sports Director for WGGB-TV 40.

The McScholar athletes were nominated by their teachers and coaches based upon numerous criteria. Winning students are graduating seniors with at least a 3.5 cumulative G.P.A., participate on a varsity sports team, and show outstanding school and community citizenship.

"These students are achievers," says Joe Abbruzese, Operations Manager for McDonald's. "We congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them luck in future endeavors."

McDonald's is pleased to sponsor the McScholar Athlete Award as part of its ongoing commitment to education. Dedicated to the neighborhoods in which they conduct business, McDonald's McScholar Athlete Award program is a way of recognizing young people who demonstrate dedication, perseverance, and teamwork.

Golden Age Club (Chap. 2) Presents 1998 Scholarships

On May 20th, Perry McCobb, president of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, opened the 1:30 p.m. meeting with the presentation of the chapter's scholarship awards and a memorial service.

This year, the Ruth E. Birchall Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by James Birchall in memory of his wife, Ruth, who was a long-time member of Chapter 2. Each year, a deserving Agawam High School senior will receive a scholarship from this fund.

President McCobb called upon Mr. Birchall to present this award to Jeffrey Lyman, who will be attending the University of Hartford.

Jessie Rivers, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented the two annual scholarships from the Chapter 2 Memorial Fund to the following students: Ashley Corbin, who will attend Westfield State College, and Daryl St. Laurent, who will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

McCobb then introduced Chaplain Leanoire Dion, who conducted a solemn reading of the names of Club members who have died during the past year. She placed a white carnation in a crystal vase as each name was read, giving each person's date of joining the Club and the time of death. Eleanor Toussaint, Club musician, played appropriate music, softly, during the floral offering.

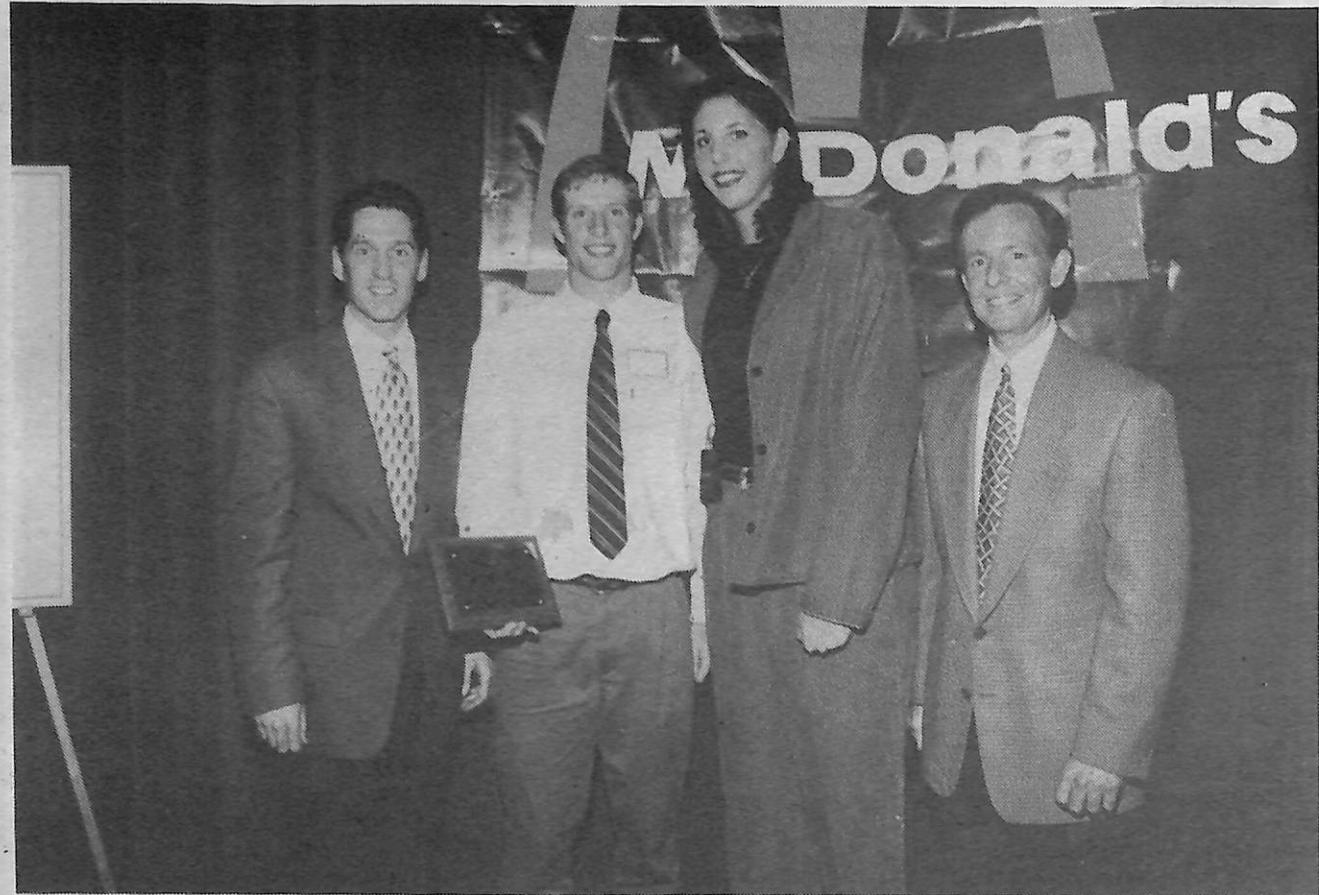
Treasurer Birchall read the names of family members and dear friends whose names were placed in the Club Record Book of Memorials.

It was noted that all money gifts given as memorials were used to purchase funeral flowers for Chapter 2 members, and to award two memorial scholarships to deserving Agawam High School graduating seniors.

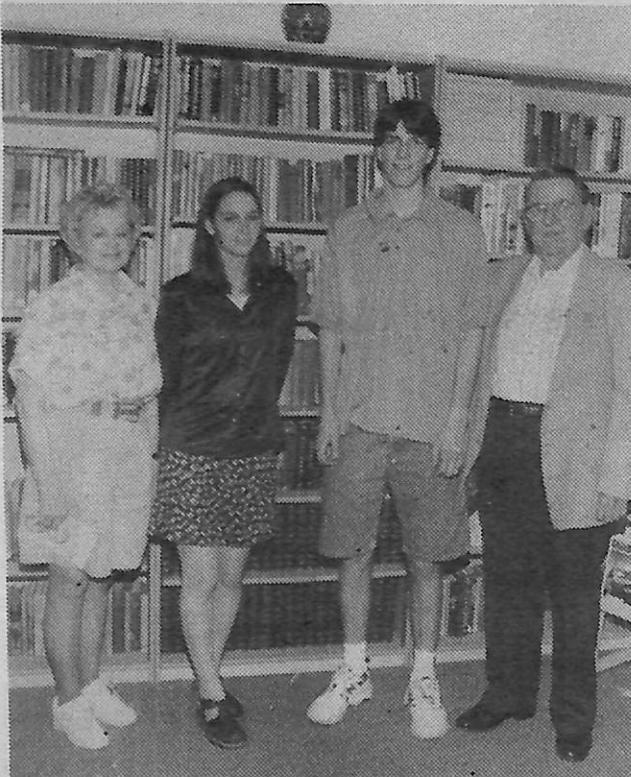
Sara Bonini Earns Italian Women's Club Scholarship

The Italian Women's Club of Springfield held its Scholarship Awards banquet on June 15th at the Delaney House in Holyoke.

Among this year's recipients was Sara Bonini of Agawam High School.



Agawam High School senior Ryan White (center) receives his McScholar Athlete Award at a reception at the Basketball Hall of Fame held on May 6th. Also pictured (from left to right) are Joe Abbruzese, Operations Manager for McDonald's; Kara Walters of the New England Blizzard; and Scott Cohen, Sports Director for WGGB-TV 40. The award, sponsored by McDonald's, recognizes students for their outstanding academic and athletic achievement.



Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter 2) Memorial Scholarship recipients Ashley Corbin and Daryl St. Laurent with Jessie Rivers and Perry McCobb of Chapter 2.



Jeffrey Lyman, the winner of the Ruth Birchall Memorial Scholarship (Chapter 2), with Ruth Parady, Willis Parady, and James Birchall.



Scholarship grant recipient Heather Marie Cushing with Dennis Marchetto, UNICO Chairman.

Amber Conte Is Honored By Baystate Dental

Drs. Kevin Coughlin and John J. Sullivan IV, Directors of Baystate Dental Care LLC, are proud to announce that Amber Conte of Feeding Hills was recently noted for outstanding achievement at a recently held public awards ceremony conducted by Baystate Dental Care's Scholarship Selection Committee.

Conte is a member of Agawam High School's class of 1998.

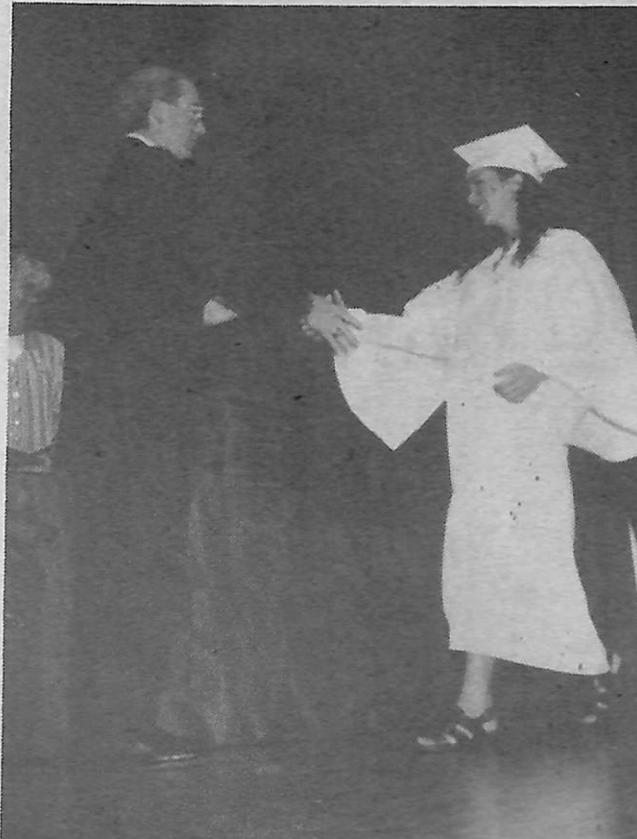
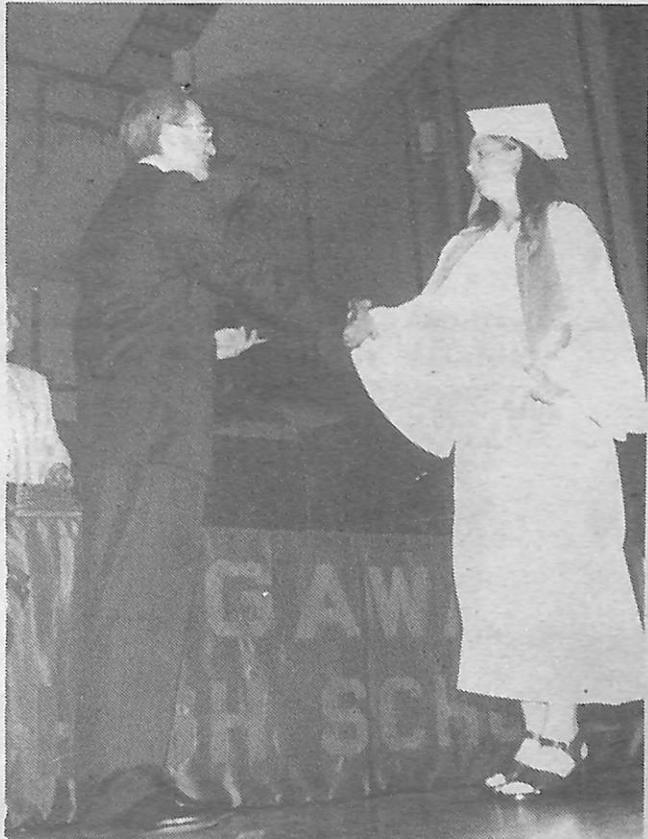
Baystate Dental Care has offices in Springfield, Westfield, and East Longmeadow. Dr. Coughlin is a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School.

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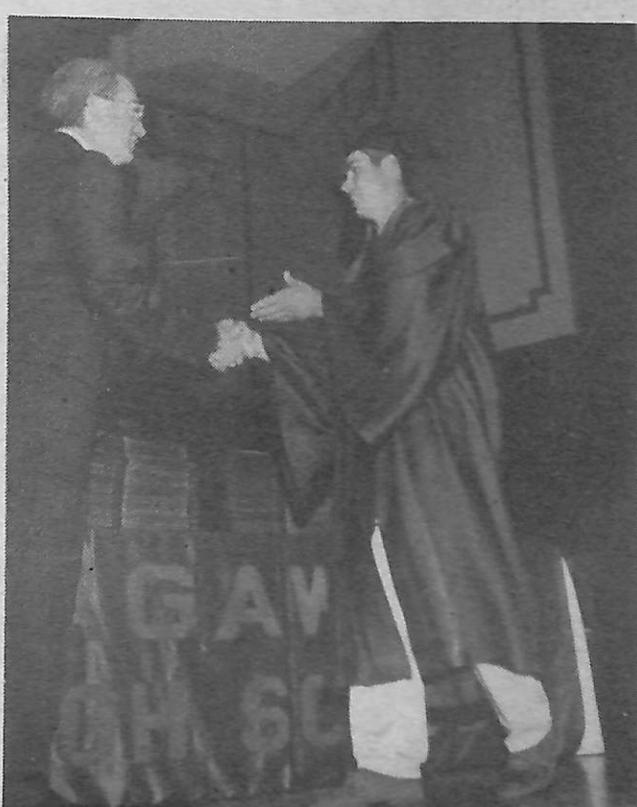
**Graduation 1998 - continued...****"Graduation Day Is Finally Here!!!"**

Mayor Christopher Johnson congratulates Agawam High School graduates Thomas Melbourne, Jeffrey Machia, and David Cassanelli.



Elisa Shea (left) and Melissa Curylo (right) shake hands with Mayor Christopher Johnson before receiving their diplomas.

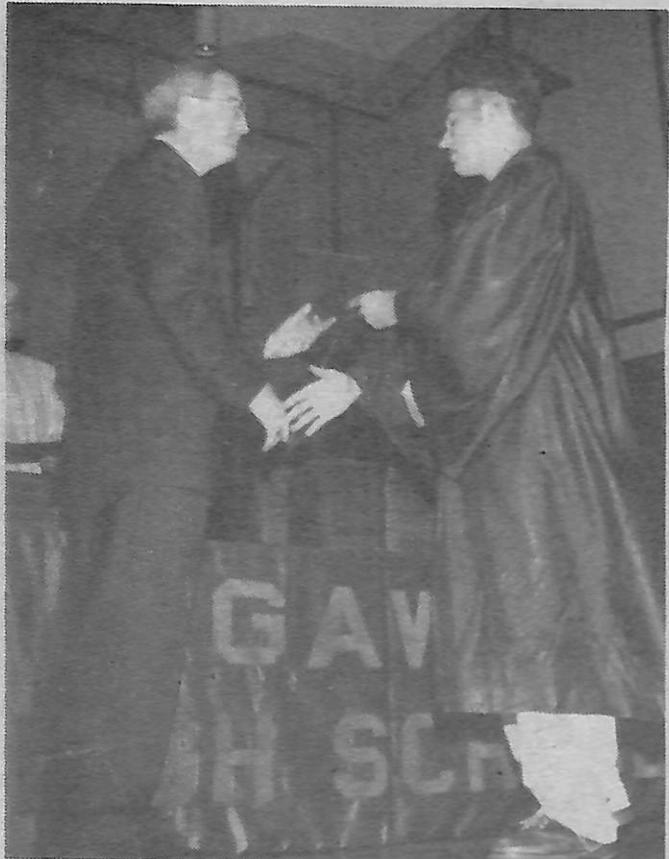
School Committee member Louis Massoia presents Amber Conte with her diploma.



Amanda Bryars, Geoffrey Ciak, and Trisha Fiorini receive their diplomas from Mayor Christopher Johnson during Graduation Exercises at Springfield Symphony Hall.

**Graduation 1998 - continued...****"Look, Ma, I've Graduated!!!"**

Mayor Christopher Johnson presents diplomas to Irene Brown, Gary Mantolesky, and Julie Heim during AHS's Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 14th.



Kevin Hill receives his diploma from Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Stephanie Fleming, Senior Class Secretary, is congratulated by School Committee member Louis Massoia.

Town Councilor Dennis Perry shakes hands with graduate Kevin Suffritti.



Mayor Christopher Johnson offers his congratulations to Julie Laflamme.



Mayor Christopher Johnson presents a diploma to Kevin Cornwell.



Kristen Patterson receives her diploma from School Committee member Louis Massoia.



Graduation 1998 - continued...



Boston University Alumni Club Scholarship recipient Jennifer Zerra with AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski and AHS faculty member Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal.

Jennifer Zerra Wins Boston Univ. Scholarship

Jennifer Zerra, daughter of Steven and Elizabeth Zerra of Feeding Hills, a graduating senior at Agawam High School, has been awarded one of this year's Boston University Alumni Club of Western Massachusetts Scholarships.

This organization has given scholarships locally since 1954, and recipients are selected on the basis of academic and social achievements as well as financial need.

The last time this award was presented to an Agawam High School senior was last year to Sharon Chicklas, so we here are fortunate to experience the receipt of it two years in a row (as 16 years had passed before that time).

Jennifer, chosen this year by the committee, has been a member of Renaissance for four years and stands fourth in her class of 311 students with a grade point average of 98.75.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society, in Quill and Scroll (the literary society), in Interact Student Government, in the Spanish National Honor Society, S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment), and on the Sachem Yearbook Staff.

She was a Junior D.A.R.E. officer, worked on the Health Advisory Committee and Field Day Committee, was a student representative on the Accreditation Committee, and was a Guidance Office helper.

Jennifer has served as vice-president and president of the Peer Leadership Group of drug-free students who educate the students of our community and considers this her most rewarding endeavor.

She has represented the school at a Westfield State Conference, Peer Network and Peer Institute. Her volunteerism includes work at Sacred Heart Church, the American Heart Association, and the Agawam Lions Club.

Jennifer was also on the field hockey team for four years, took part in track for four years, and played in the Indoor Field Hockey League.

Other awards she has received are the Dartmouth Book Award and the Nancy Bazanchuk "Never Give Up, Never Give In" Award.

The \$1,500 Boston University scholarship was presented to Jennifer at the Senior Awards Assembly, which took place a few nights before graduation, by Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, a member of the AHS faculty representing the Boston University Scholarship Committee (of which she is a member). This scholarship is unique in that the university matches the local amount the second semester.

Jennifer will enter the College of Arts and Sciences in September as a pre-law student, with an eye towards a job in a governmental law enforcement agency. She is a most deserving young lady.



John E. LaFleur of West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge No. 2174 with scholarship recipient Sarah Bonini.

Sara J. Bonini Receives Local Elks Scholarship

Sara J. Bonini, daughter of William J. and Susan J. Bonini of 15 Beech Hill Road, Feeding Hills, has received a 1998 memorial scholarship from West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge No. 2174.

A member of Agawam High School's class of 1998, Bonini will be attending either Mt. Holyoke College or Stoneham College to study languages.

During her years at AHS, she was a member of the National Honor Society and the Renaissance Club. Outside of school, she was a 4-H Team Leader and a member of the Massachusetts State 4-H Teen Council.

Bonini is an accomplished horse rider versed in Dressage and Jump. At her church, she has acted as a sign language interpreter for the hearing-impaired community (teaching and entertaining).

In 1994, Bonini was the National Geographic "Geography" competition winner. In 1997, she was the Blandford Fair Sr. Hunt Seat Champion.

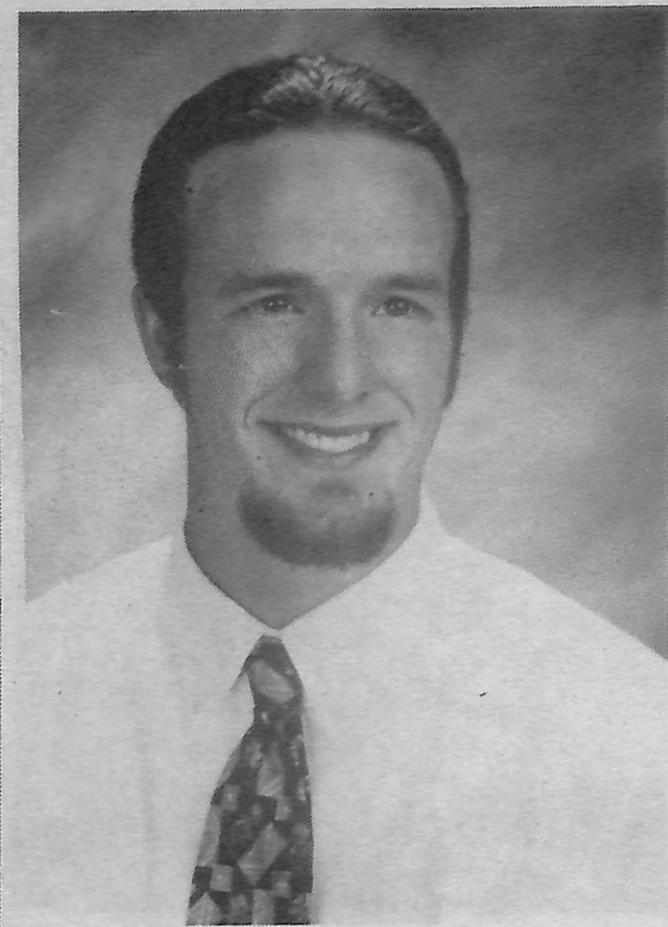
Kevin G. Cornwell Receives Walter S. Barr Scholarship

Kevin G. Cornwell of 14 Worthington Brooke Circle, Agawam, a member of Agawam High School's class of 1998, was among the 28 recipients of the 1998 Walter S. Barr Scholarships.

James Broderick, Chairman of the Selection Committee, announced that the scholarships carry a monetary value of \$1,000 and may be renewed three times, provided a favorable grade point average is maintained.

Graduating seniors at public and private high schools in the Greater Springfield circle are eligible for the Barr Scholarships, which are administered through the Horace Smith Fund at 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01102.

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CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN

Chris Benjamin Graduates From Springfield College

On May 17th, Christopher Benjamin of Feeding Hills graduated from Springfield College.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, with a concentration in Health Fitness. Mr. Benjamin's final grade point average for the four years he attended Springfield College was 3.33 on a 4.0 scale.

He now plans to move to Maryland where, in the fall of 1999, he hopes to attend the University of Maryland at College Park. Here he will be seeking his Master's in Exercise and Sport Psychology.

Mr. Benjamin is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School. He is the son of Roy and Virginia Benjamin, also of Feeding Hills.

Trisha Fiorini Receives Expo. Area Scholarship

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund has awarded \$11,700 in scholarships to 28 area students for the 1998-99 academic year. The scholarship awards, given to students with roots in the Exposition Area of West Springfield, are primarily based on academic achievement and need.

"The need for financial assistance has been increasing right along with the costs of a college education, and we're happy to be able to help these deserving students," said Thomas Frasco, a founder of the scholarship fund.

Five students received memorial scholarship awards administered by the scholarship fund, including Trisha Fiorini, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School who received the Thomas Gamelli Memorial Award (which is given to a student meeting scholarship fund qualifications).

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$275,000 in financial assistance to hundreds of college and college-bound students since its inception more than 30 years ago. To be eligible, students, their parents or grandparents must have been raised in the Exposition Area of West Springfield.

Scholarship funds are raised through annual events sponsored by the scholarship committee and through contributions, which are tax-deductible. The next scholarship committee event, an annual golf tournament, will be held on Sunday, August 23rd, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

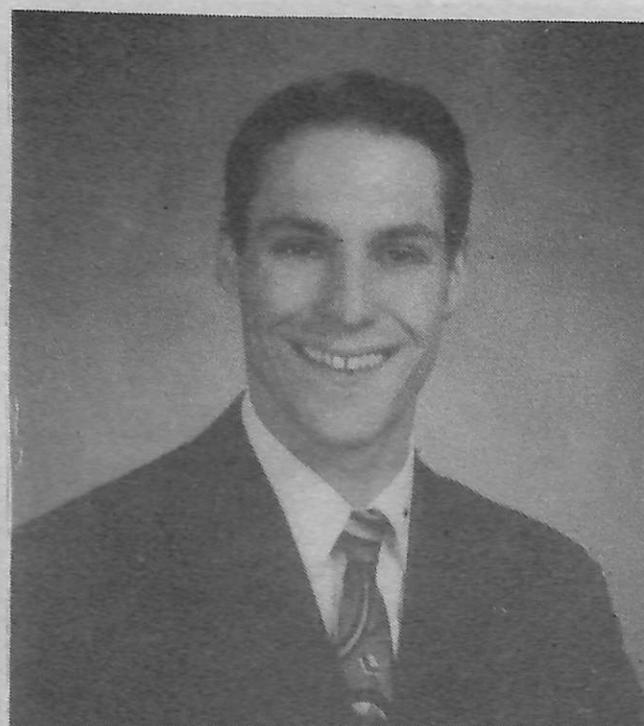
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PHILIP J. SHUMAN



JOHN R. HOGAN



JOSEF A. SCHERPA

Local Students Receive Degrees At WPI's Graduation

A total of 850 students were awarded various degrees at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 130th commencement, which was held on Saturday, May 16th.

The keynote address was delivered by alumnus Ronald L. Zarrella (class of 1971), vice-president and group executive for General Motors NAO

(North American Operations) Vehicle Sales, Service, and Marketing.

Among WPI's 1998 graduates are the three area residents:

John Robert Hogan, son of Ms. Donna M. Perreault of Agawam and John B. Hogan of Chicopee; **Josef Augustus Scherpa**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence A. Scherpa of Agawam; and **Philip**

John Shuman of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Shuman. WPI is an independent technological university founded in 1865. In 1997, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked WPI among the top 50 national universities in its Best Colleges Guide and 35th among the top national institutions in the magazine's Best College Values report.



CHRISTINA BOUSQUET

Christina Bousquet Named Presidential Scholar At UNH

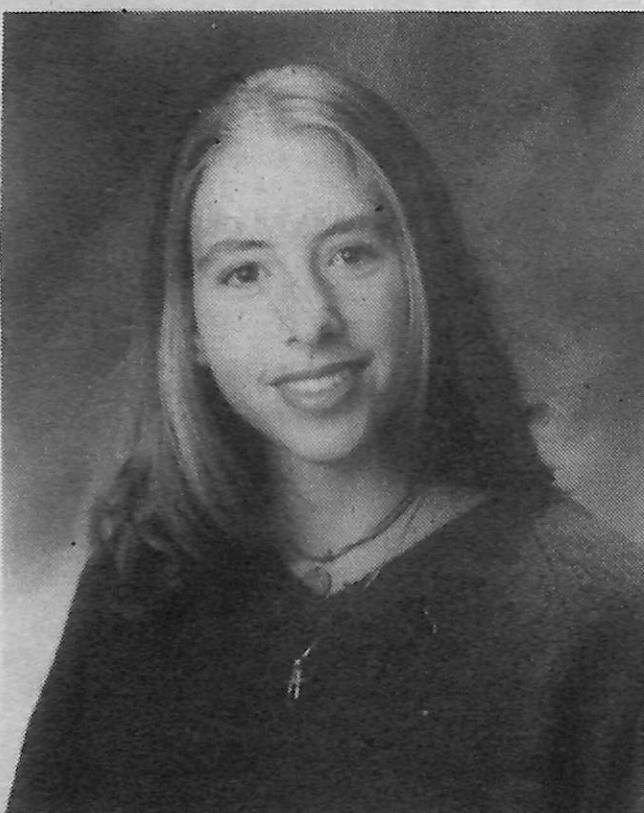
Christina Bousquet, a senior Honors Student in the English/Journalism program at the University of New Hampshire, was recently named a Presidential Scholar at the institution's annual Honors Convocation.

Christina has maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the last two years and holds a cumulative average of 3.94. She was also recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at UNH, which requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for invitation, and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Sigma Pi Co-ed Honor Fraternity.

Of late, she completed an internship at *The Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Northampton where she focused on high school sports and feature articles, including coverage of the 102nd Boston Marathon.

She has been a sportswriter at the campus newspaper for the last three years, an editor for the last year and a half, and has also covered local sports for *The Hampton Union*.

Christina is the daughter of very proud parents, Dennis and Kathy Bousquet of Agawam.



JAMIE LEWIS

Jamie Lewis Graduates From Providence College

Jamie Lewis of 28 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, was among the 807 graduates of Providence College who received bachelor's degrees on May 17th. The college also awarded 226 master's degrees and 108 undergraduate degrees through its School of Continuing Education during the college's 80th commencement exercises.

Lewis was awarded a bachelor's degree in Ed/Spec/Elem-Level (Summa Cum Laude).

Providence College is the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,600 students, and offers degrees in 39 academic majors.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Providence College number one among regional colleges and universities in the north in its 1998 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The college was also cited as one of the top 15 "best buys" in the northeast in *Money Magazine's* most recent annual value rankings.



KERRY ROUSSEAU

Kerry Rousseau Graduates From WNEC Law School

Kerry Rousseau of Feeding Hills recently received her Juris Doctor (law degree) from Western New England School of Law. She was presented her diploma by Dean Donald Dunn at Symphony Hall in Springfield on May 16th.

Before entering Western New England School of Law in August of 1995, Rousseau double-majored at American International College. She graduated from AIC cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Sociology.

At AIC, she was named to *Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities*, received the co-curricular award, and was founder of the Women's Organization. Rousseau also attended Agawam and Chicopee Comprehensive High Schools before graduating from Comp in 1988.

Currently, Rousseau is employed by All State at the Law Offices of Gerald Derokatis, located in Hartford, Connecticut.

She is the daughter of Robert Rousseau and the stepdaughter of Janet Rousseau of Feeding Hills.

*** Congratulations to all the 1998 graduates!!! ***



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Looking Back At A Stellar Career...

Patterson Talks About Her Days As A Brownie

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Indeed, it was quite a run for Kristen Patterson - four years of athletic excellence mixed in nicely with academic honors as well. Recently, she took some time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

She turned 18 last November 25th and spent four years at the High School. Her final semester saw her finish up with physics, A.P. English, calculus, and the school's Yearbook, where she was a sportswriter. Physics was her favorite course. Arthur Gage and Edward Merrill were her top teachers while attending AHS. Kristen was a member of the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll, which recognizes students with outstanding abilities in journalism.

Will Attend AIC

She'll be attending American International College in Springfield in the fall on a full basketball scholarship. Kristen plans on majoring in business and will also play soccer for the Yellow Jackets.

Kristen's list of athletic achievements at Agawam are impressive, to say the least. She played for four years on the soccer, basketball, and varsity softball programs. In soccer, she was All-Western Mass. second team as a freshman in 1994. She was All-Western Mass. first team from 1995-1997, as well as being named All-State and All-New England in 1996 and 1997.

In 1997, she was named as an All-American and was Western Mass. "Player of the Year."

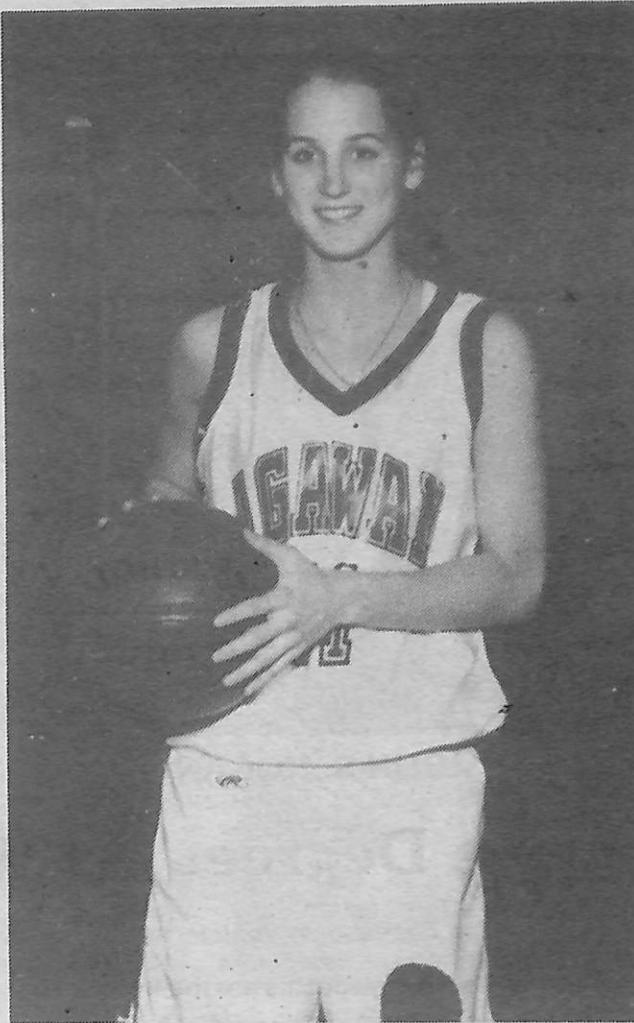
In 1997, Kristen was also named Athlete of the Week by the *Union News* and Channel 40. Kristen scored 96 total points during her soccer career (69 goals and 27 assists), which was second only to the Western Mass. record (113 rung up by her sister, Karen, in the late 1980's, who was a formidable three-sport star in her own right). Kristen's 30 goals last fall broke her sister's school record of 25 in a single season.

Basketball was no different, with accolades coming from all quarters. She won All-Western Mass. first team honors in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. She was also the MVP of the inaugural pre-season Coca-Cola Classic at Springfield College in 1997. Add to that an MVP award at the South Hadley post-season tournament in 1996 and 1998. Kristen gained USA Player of the Year (honorable mention) in 1997 and 1998. On January 30th of this year, she reached her 1,000-point plateau for her basketball career, finishing with 1,115 total.

The four-year standout also helped lead her team to either an outright title or share of the Valley Wheel title from 1995-1998.

During her career with the basketball Brownies, they went 81-12.

Softball saw more of the same. From 1995-1998, Kristen was first team All-Western Mass. and was Western Mass. "Player of the Year" in 1997. She helped lead the team to three Western Mass. titles in 1995, 1996, and 1998 and was named TV22 Athlete of the Week in June of 1996 and May of



No matter what season it was, Kristen Patterson could be found plying her athletic talents for the Agawam High School Brownies.

1997. Kristen will also be playing AAU basketball and soccer over the summer and will also compete in the Baystate Games in basketball. (Excuse me while I catch my breath.)

Kristen admits she favors basketball a bit more than the other two sports, but it's a close call.

Most Memorable Moments

She looked back on her career and vividly applauded all the people she met, the friendships she made, and the great coaches she played for. Perhaps her most memorable personal moments were scoring her 1,000th point in basketball, three Western Mass. softball titles, and being named an All-American in soccer.

If Kristen has a regret, it was not winning the Western Mass. crown this year in basketball.

Kristen's favorite food is a Reese's Pieces sundae.

Agawam orange is her color of choice. Her choice of wheels is her new 1998 Honda Civic.

Michael Jordan is her top jock.

She likes to hang out anywhere her friends might be.

Jeans, a shirt, and anything that is comfortable round out her wardrobe.

She likes all kinds of music, including country. "Seinfeld" tops the tube for her while "Pretty Woman" is her favorite flick.

Her mom's name is Kathy. Her dad is Jack. They almost never missed a game she played in high school.

She has two siblings - Karen and Jack.

The person she looks up to the most is older sister Karen. "She's a good person. I went to see her play all the time. Karen is a good role model for me," Kristen smiled.

Now that it is over, how would she like to be remembered? "I want people to know that I worked hard at no matter what I did," she said. It might be worth knowing that Kristen, in her four years in all three sports, never missed a single start in any of them despite playing injured and in pain on many occasions.

Soccer Coach Mary Murray had this to say about her: "Her competitiveness and toughness set Kristen apart. And she gave back to her athletic endeavors by coaching, teaching, and officiating when she could."

Softball Coach Deb Lickley put it this way: "I said this during the softball banquet Monday night; Kristen means more to me than her athletic achievements - no one can measure the size of her heart."

Lou Conte, her basketball coach, added, "Her will to compete was tremendous. We won't know how good she really was until we have to play without her."

Matthew Bellico Earns Degree At Boston College

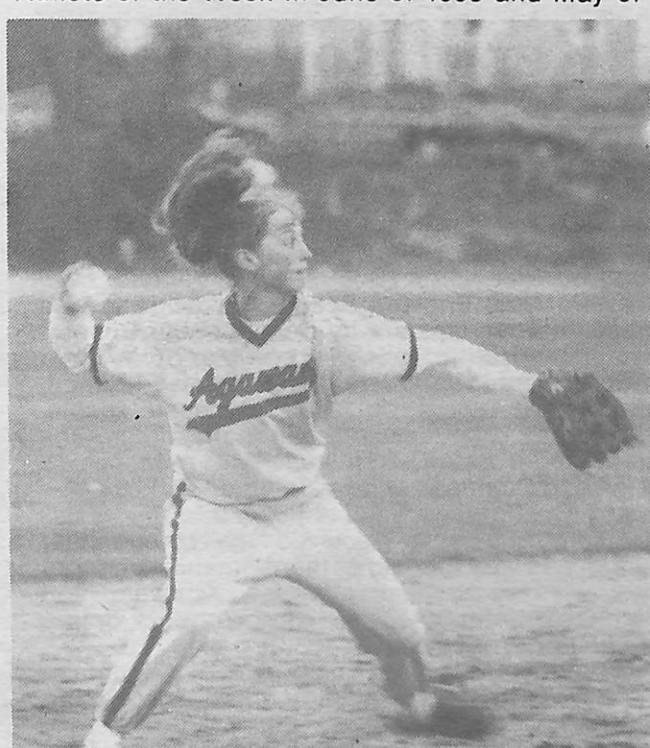
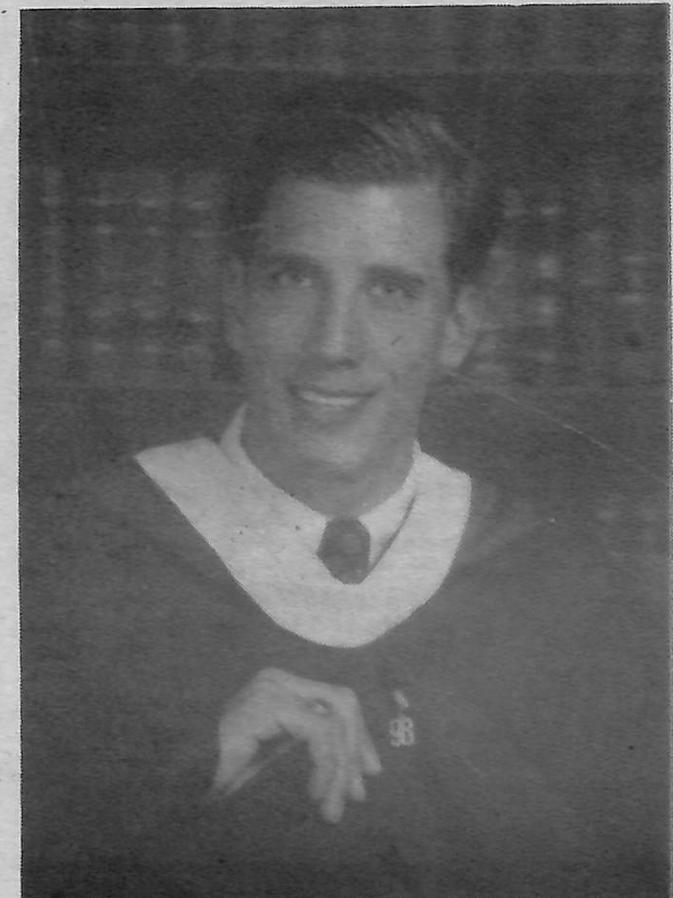
Matthew Bellico, son of Richard and Ann Marie Bellico of Feeding Hills, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree at the 122nd commencement of Boston College on May 18th.

The commencement speaker was Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. Ahern was among those awarded honorary degrees by the university, which were presented by Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, 25th president of Boston College.

Bellico is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School. His undergraduate activities at Boston College included Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society), a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society), Boston College Sophomore Scholar, Circolo Italian Club President, and History Intern on the Old Ironsides Campaign.

Bellico graduated magna cum laude in a class of more than 3,000 who received degrees. He will be attending the University of Chicago to pursue a master's degree in history in the fall.

This summer, he is working at the Old State House in Boston for the Bostonian Society.



Kristen Patterson in action for the Brownies' softball team.



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Heading For UMaine...

Hockey Star Doug Janik Has "Goals"

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the best hockey players ever to come out of Agawam High School is Doug Janik. Yet, he never played a game for the Brownies. His talents were so great, Doug passed up high school competition for the high-powered world of junior hockey. "I've been playing since I was eight years old - first with the town youth hockey league, then the PICS in Enfield," he said.

As a freshman, sophomore, and junior, Doug played for the Regional Junior Whalers. "They used to be the PICS," he noted. It was a high level of hockey a few notches above high school. He showed well enough to play on the Junior National Team for players under 17. The U.S. National Team was impressed. They invited him to play for them in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the best young hockey players from all over the country eventually end up. He arrived there last August and was on his way. He attended most of his final year in high school out there.

Doug is an 18-year-old defenseman, standing 6'1" and weighing 200 pounds. He had 10 goals, 25 assists, and 125 minutes in penalties this past season. He noted that his time in the box was a little high. But at that level of hockey as a defender, you can't afford to be intimidated by anyone, he stressed.

The U.S. National Team doesn't play in a league. "We played all over America and Europe as well," Doug said. He added that they never played at home but were always on the road.

Never A Dull Moment

At times it was a long haul. He attended Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and stayed with a local family while he was there. "We played almost every weekend, flying out on Thursday nights and not returning until Sunday evening. Between classes and games, there was never a dull moment," Doug told us. Their record while Doug was a member of the team stood at 45-20-5.

Though his parents, Doug and Ellen Janik of Senator Avenue, as well as a younger sister, Amanda, were back here, they did get to see him



After spending a year playing for the U.S. National Team, Doug Janik will now be playing for the University of Maine Black Bears — a Division I hockey powerhouse.

play; once out there and in Boston, where the National Team met the Eastern Junior League All-Stars in a two-game series.

His older sister, Carrie, is a former All-Western Mass. soccer player for AHS who now plays in college. His dad was a 1973 graduate of AHS and is one of the school's all-time great goalies. His mom is also a 1973 AHS graduate.

Doug has been back in Agawam since April and graduated with his AHS Class of 1998 two Sundays ago. Right now he is getting ready for another step in his career, on a full scholarship as a member of the University of Maine Black Bears. He had several reasons for heading up to the back woods of Orono. "I really liked the coaches. I knew I'd get a chance to play immediately and they have a good chance for a national championship."

Maine wasn't the only school vying for his skills. Boston University, Michigan, Harvard, and Princeton also courted him. UMaine is a hockey powerhouse in Division I and receiving a full-boat from them says tons about Doug's ability on the ice.

With his skills, the question had to be asked:

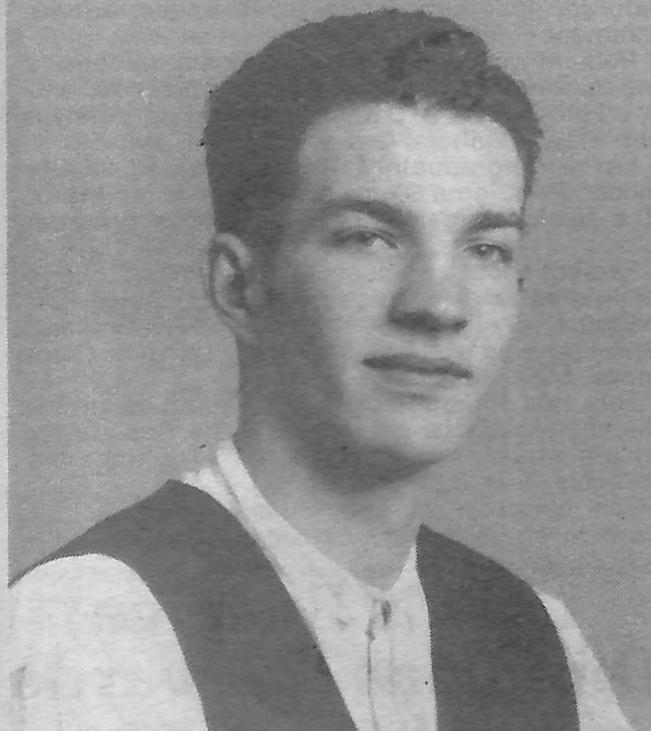


had he considered turning pro? "They do it in Canada at a young age, but not until you're 19 or so. Besides, my parents want me to get an education and so do I," he said. Someday he would like to be either a park ranger or a teacher. But that probably won't be until after he gets his shot at the pros.

The U.S. Olympic Committee paid for his time on the National Team, which brings up the possibility that one day, in the not-too-distant future, he might give the Olympic team a good look. "I might," he smiled. "We'll just have to see what happens down the road."

This summer Doug will again teach hockey at the school of his former coach, the well-known Gary Dineen.

Doug credited Dineen for playing a major role in his development as a hockey player, and thanked Dineen for his support and guidance. "I also wish to thank my parents for all of their support and sacrifice over the years. They have been great."



SEAN ROSE

Sean Rose Graduates From Baran Institute

Sean Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rose of Feeding Hills, recently graduated from the Electronics Technology program at Baran Institute of Technology in Windsor, Connecticut.

Founded in 1979, Baran Institute of Technology offers a comprehensive, practical, hands-on training program in a variety of fields.

Rose is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and is presently employed as a computer technician for Integra Systems, Inc. in Suffield, Connecticut.



JENNIFER MOCCIO

Jennifer Moccio Is Inducted Into Nursing Honor Soc.

The American International College Division of Nursing recently inducted 16 students into its chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, an international nursing honor society.

Among the inductees was Jennifer Moccio of Agawam, a senior at AIC.



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MONICA M. BALBONI

Monica M. Balboni Awarded Degree At Boston College

Monica Maria Balboni, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, from Boston College in Chestnut Hill on May 18th.

Her undergraduate activities included membership in the international honor society, Sigma Theta Tau.

Monica will celebrate her graduation with a summer vacation in Italy. She will be accompanied by her sister, Andrea, a 1996 graduate of Mount Holyoke College who is now a graphic designer at Barnes and Noble in New York City.

Andrea and Monica are granddaughters of Mrs. Carlo Balboni of 25 King Street, Agawam, and the late Mr. Balboni.

Area Residents Honored At STCC Awards Ceremony

Springfield Technical Community College President Dr. Andrew M. Scibelli has announced that several area residents were recognized at the College's annual Honors Convocation ceremony on May 27th.

The event was held to recognize outstanding students who were recipients of awards and scholarships. Most of these students participated in STCC's 31st commencement exercises held on May 28th at the Springfield Civic Center.

Ryan Bassette of Agawam received a Class of 1998 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in recognition of pursuit and achievement in all the academic studies at the College by completing his program with a perfect cumulative quality point average of 4.0.

John Mustain of Agawam received the Roswell Lee Design Award, which is presented to the senior in Civil Engineering Technology who best exemplifies the academic and professional characteristics of the architect who designed and initiated the construction of the Springfield Armory. Mustain also received a Class of 1998 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in recognition of achieving a perfect cumulative quality point average of 4.0.

Kathleen Burns of Feeding Hills received the Golden Scaler Award, presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in basic Dental Hygiene instrumentation techniques and commitment to comprehensive patient care.

Judy Lovotti of Feeding Hills received an Academy Achievement Award. This award is presented to the graduating Medical Assistant who has achieved professional growth through determination and perseverance, who has demonstrated serious academic effort, earned a QPA of 3.9, and best exemplifies enthusiasm for learning.



MARIA R. DIPIETRO



CHRISTINA DIPIETRO

Maria R. DiPietro Graduates From Notre Dame Academy In Worcester

Maria R. DiPietro, daughter of John and Maribeth DiPietro of Holden, graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Worcester on May 31st.

In September, she will attend Assumption College, her father's alma mater.

Maria's younger sister, Christina, will continue

Agawam & Feeding Hills Students Earn Degrees From Elms

At commencement exercises held on May 17th, the following area students graduated from Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts:

Catherine Babcock of Agawam received a bachelor of arts degree *magna cum laude*. She majored in interdepartmental studies.

Lisa Feroli of Agawam, daughter of Robert and Lucretia Feroli, received a bachelor of arts degree *cum laude*. She majored in psychology.

Kathleen Welsh of Agawam received a bachelor of science degree *magna cum laude*. She majored and received the Shea Award in nursing. She was named to Sigma Theta Tau, nursing honor society, and to Alpha Sigma Lambda, national continuing education honor society.

Lynne Calabrese of Feeding Hills received a bachelor of arts degree. She majored in interdepartmental studies. She was named to Alpha Sigma Lambda, national continuing education honor society. She is married to Joseph Calabrese, and they are the parents of Danielle Welner, Jordan Welner, Joseph Calabrese, and Nicholas Calabrese. Her parents are Kenneth and Rebecca Tingley of Enfield, Connecticut.

Michelle Duquette of Feeding Hills, daughter of Jean Noel and Helen Duquette, received a bachelor of science degree. She majored in nursing.

Karen L. Mahoney of Feeding Hills, daughter of Paul and Susan Mahoney, received a bachelor of science degree *cum laude*. She majored in social work and received the O'Connor/Joyce Award for the Social Worker of the Year. She was a member of the Commuter Council and the Student Social Work Organization.

P.J. Owen Named Valedictorian For 1998 At HCC

P.J. Owen of Agawam recently received top honors as a class of 1998 valedictorian at Holyoke Community College.

She graduated with an Associate of Science in Business Administration.

A total of five students, who all attained a perfect grade point average, were honored as valedictorians during the 51st commencement ceremony earlier this month.

a family tradition by entering Notre Dame Academy in the fall.

Maria and Christina are granddaughters of Attorney Andrew McCarthy and Elizabeth McCarthy of Worcester, and Gloria DiPietro of Agawam and the late John C. DiPietro.

Nicole Racicot Awarded Degree From Bentley

Nicole Racicot of Agawam was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree at Bentley College on Saturday, May 16th, during its 79th undergraduate commencement exercises.

Racicot majored in Business Communications and minored in Spanish at Bentley, and is currently employed as a Database Marketing Analyst with Fleet Financial Group in Boston, MA.

Her undergraduate activities included varsity soccer, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, peer facilitator of a freshman seminar, and a Bridge program tutor.

Racicot spent a semester abroad at the College for International Studies in Madrid, Spain. Furthermore, she interned with The New England Revolution, as well as with Allaire Corp. in Cambridge, MA.

This past spring, Racicot received an award for student excellence presented by the Society for Documentation Professionals, and also made the college's Dean's List.

The daughter of Lois Puopolo and Robert Racicot, she previously attended Agawam High School.

Locals Receive Diplomas & Awards At Suf. Academy

The following area students received their diplomas and were honored with special awards at Suffield Academy's 165 Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 30th.

Michael F. Albro, son of Kathleen Albro of Feeding Hills:

Cum Laude Society - the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, given to those students who have demonstrated their devotion to scholarship and attained the highest achievement in the most demanding courses.

Daniel M. Beaudette, Jr., son of Daniel and Patricia Beaudette of Agawam:

George A. Butler Cup for Athletics and Sportsmanship - awarded to the most deserving athletes in the senior class for distinction through commitment, excellence on the field, leadership, and, above all, sportsmanship.

Faculty Award for Citizenship and Service to Suffield - the highest honor presented at Commencement, given for leadership and service to the school.



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KELLI LAWRENCE

Kelli Lawrence Graduates From WNEC Law School

Kelli Lawrence recently graduated from Western New England College School of Law, located in Springfield, MA. Commencement exercises were held at Springfield Symphony Hall on May 16th.

Ms. Lawrence presently works for Attorney George B. Cannon in Springfield and is planning to take the Massachusetts Bar Examination in July.

A 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1995 graduate of Western New England College, she is the daughter of David and Claire Lawrence of Agawam.

Area Students Graduates From Gordon College

Karen Eaton and **Mark Radtke** were among those students who graduated from Gordon College during the school's 106th commencement exercises held Saturday, May 16th.

A 1994 graduate of Agawam High School, Eaton is the daughter of Roger and Donna Eaton of Feeding Hills. At Gordon, she received her degrees in social work and economics. She also received the Social Science Achievement and Leadership Award. Eaton served as an intern with the Department of Social Services in Holyoke, and also with State Representative Daniel Keenan. She plans to pursue a career in social services and public policy.

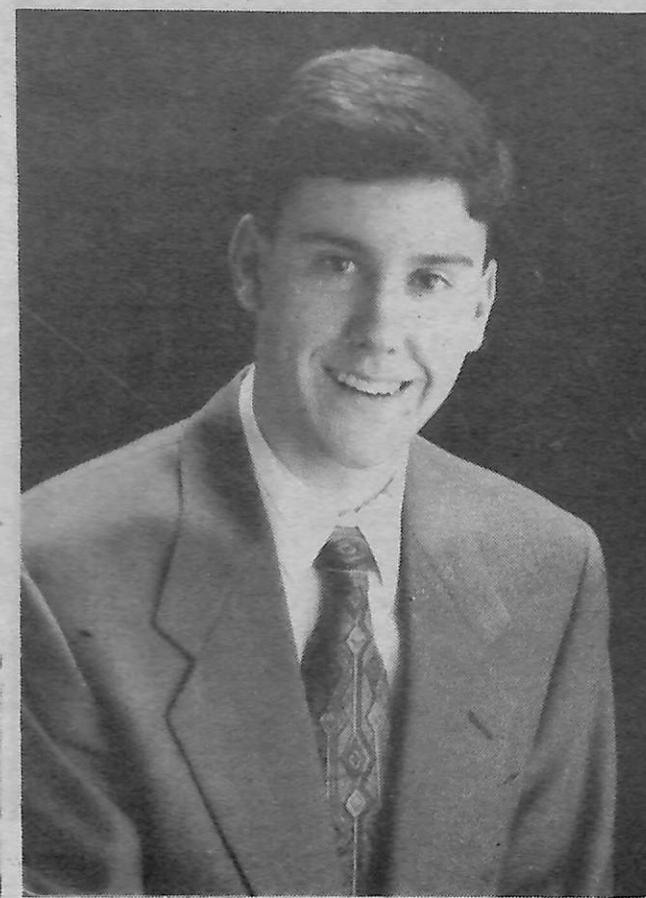
Radtke, the son of Paul and Deborah Radtke of Feeding Hills, received a bachelor's degree in social work. He is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, and he plans to attend graduate school in the near future.

Gordon College is a four-year, nondenominational Christian liberal arts college on Boston's North Shore. The college offers 32 majors in the liberal arts and sciences. Over the years, Gordon has won national recognition for its general excellence, the high caliber of its faculty, and its role in character building.

Money Magazine has named Gordon to its list of the 150 top values in college education today. It has been recognized as one of the best buys in college education in the Northeast.

Have a happy and healthy summer vacation...

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RICHARD R. GOSELIN

Richard R. Gosselin Earns Bachelor's Degree From BC

Richard R. Gosselin, son of Irene Gosselin of Sycamore Terrace, Agawam, and Robert Gosselin of Granby, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude at the 122nd commencement of Boston College on May 18th.

The commencement speaker was Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. Ahern was among those awarded honorary degrees, which were presented by Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, 25th president of Boston College. More than 3,000 graduates received degrees.

Gosselin is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School. A biochemistry major, he was in the Arts & Sciences Honors Program throughout his four years at BC.

Gosselin was inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta premedical honor society and the Golden Key National Honor Society in his junior year. His academic achievements include cellular biochemistry research and an honors thesis. His undergraduate activities at BC included the Mendel Society, BC Film Board, and intramural sports.

Gosselin will attend Georgetown University School of Medicine in the fall.

Area Students Receive Degrees From Bucknell

Bucknell University conferred 770 bachelor's degrees and 29 master's degrees during commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 23rd. Degrees were awarded for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, management, and education.

Among the 1998 graduates were the following Agawam/Feeding Hills residents:

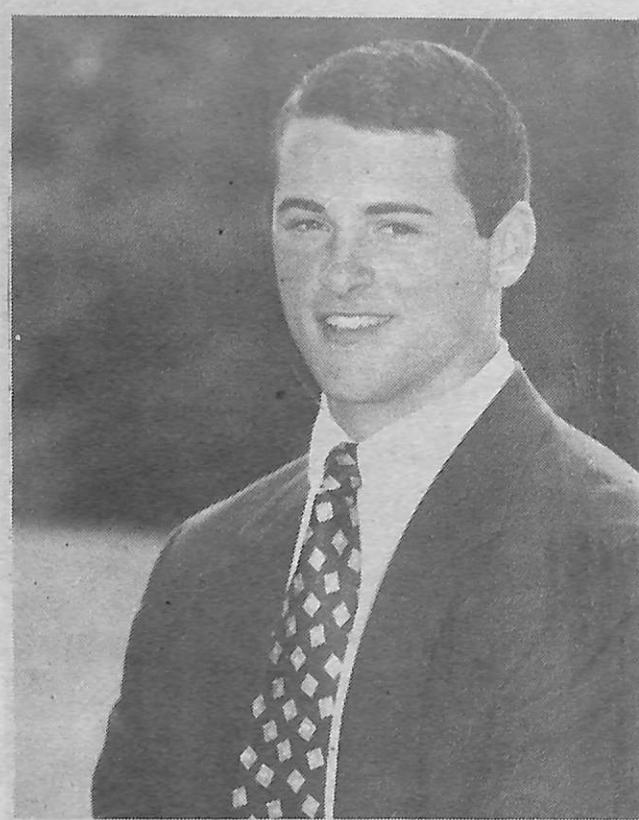
Eric P. Mastrianni of Agawam, son of Albert and Barbara Mastrianni, who graduated Magna Cum Laude and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Michelle L. Dutton of Feeding Hills, daughter of Lary and Mary Dutton, who graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Brenda Borkosky Is A Salem State Grad

Brenda H. Borkosky of Feeding Hills was among the 1,015 undergraduates who earned baccalaureate degrees at the Salem State College Undergraduate Commencement held on May 16th.

The College awarded a total of 1,366 graduate and undergraduate degrees to the Class of 1998.



DANIEL BEAUDETTE

Daniel Beaudette Graduates From Suffield Academy

Daniel Beaudette, son of Daniel and Patricia Beaudette of Agawam, recently graduated from Suffield Academy on Saturday, May 30th.

Daniel received the Faculty Award for Citizenship and Service to Suffield, which is the highest award bestowed upon a student by the faculty. The recipient personifies what Suffield is all about.

He also received the George A. Butler Cup, which is given to the most outstanding athlete in the senior class. While at Suffield, he broke several records in both football and track.

Daniel was a member of the Disciplinary Committee, Torch Society, and Yearbook Staff. He was also co-sports editor of the school newspaper, class representative, and a tour guide leader.

He will attend Wesleyan University in the fall.

Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is an independent, co-educational college preparatory school in Suffield, Connecticut.

Timothy LeDoux Receives Degree From Clark Univ.

Timothy LeDoux of Agawam was among 400 undergraduate students who received bachelor of arts degrees on Sunday, May 17th, during Clark University's 93rd commencement exercises.

LeDoux, a major in government and international relations, is the son of Fred and Diane LeDoux of Agawam. He attended Agawam High School.

Clark University is a research university with a liberal arts college and several graduate schools. Located in Worcester, MA, it was founded in 1887 and is the oldest graduate school in New England and the second oldest in the United States.

Clark currently enrolls approximately 3,000 students, including 2,000 undergraduate students, from 42 states and territories and 82 countries.

Agawam Area Students Graduate From MacDuffie

The MacDuffie School in Springfield, MA, held its annual graduation ceremonies during the weekend of May 30th-31st.

Among the graduates were **Amy Eggleston** of Feeding Hills, who was named to the High Honor Roll for maintaining an average of B-plus or better for the year, and Agawam resident **Cara Scales**.

Amy plans to attend Franklin Pierce College in the fall, and Cara will attend Holyoke Community College.



Graduation 1998 - continued...



JUDITH N. SCHACHT AND QUINNIPAC PRESIDENT JOHN L. LAHEY

Judith N. Schachte Earns Award At Quinnipiac College

On May 12th, Judith N. Schachte of Agawam received the Graduate Faculty Fund for Excellence during Quinnipiac College's Graduate and Tator School Academic Awards.

Quinnipiac College is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution located in Hamden, Connecticut. The college has approximately 230 full-time faculty and enrolls 3,500 full-time undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students in its Schools of Business, Health Sciences, Law, and Liberal Arts.

Quinnipiac is rated number 11 among all northern regional universities in U.S. News and World Report's 1998 edition of America's Best Colleges.

Area Students Receive Degrees From UMass Lowell

The following Agawam and Feeding Hills residents were among the nearly 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees from the University of Massachusetts Lowell at the June 7th graduation ceremony:

Raymond M.P. Drewnowski of Agawam, **Michael F. McKenna** of Agawam, **Alison M. Jean** of Feeding Hills, and **Steven E. Munley** of Feeding Hills.

UMass Lowell, the second-largest of the five campuses in the University system, currently enrolls 13,000 undergraduate and graduate students in six colleges: Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Professions, and Management.

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The staff of The Agawam Advertiser News offers its congratulations to the Class of 1998 and best wishes for continued success in the future...

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JULIE MILICI

Julie Milici Earns Degree At Boston Conservatory

Julie Milici of 93 Cottonwood Lane, Agawam, has graduated from The Boston Conservatory with a Bachelor Degree of Music in Voice Performance.

Ms. Milici is a graduate of Agawam High School, class of 1992, and was active in Show Choir. She plans to pursue a career in the performing arts.

Area Students Receive Awards From HCC

More than 200 outstanding Holyoke Community College students were presented with awards and scholarships at the college's 1998 Awards Presentation, which was held on Thursday, May 28th. HCC President David Bartley presided over the event.

Five students from Agawam were presented with awards or scholarships:

Lindelee A. Davis, Joseph V. Gosselin Scholarship; **Bryan W. Menard**, Baseball Award; **Jason Peloquin**, Baseball Award; **John Snow**, Green Key Honor Society Award; and **Charlene M. Trombley**, Green Key Honor Society Award.

Three students from Feeding Hills were presented with awards or scholarships:

Lisa M. Freeman, Softball Award; **Laurie A. Loomis**, Green Key Honor Society Award; and **Christie M. Ronca**, Softball Award.

Julie Toczko Graduates From Willie Ross School

The Willie Ross School for the Deaf held its 13th commencement exercises on June 5th at its main campus in Longmeadow.

Among the graduates was Julie Toczko of Agawam.

Attorney Susan Phillips, Chairperson of the Board, distributed diplomas, and Dr. Louis Abbate, Executive Director, provided the opening remarks.

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You turn our pages each week for all the local school news...

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KIM HAYES

Kim Hayes Awarded Degree At Bryant College

On May 16th, Kim Hayes of Agawam, daughter of Jackie Toussaint and Bill Hayes, graduated cum laude from Bryant College with a degree in Accounting/Financial.

Hayes has accepted a position as a staff accountant with Blum Shapiro in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the top three business colleges in the country by *Barons*.

Bryant enrolls more than 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students annually. In addition, more than 10,000 business people representing 1,800 firms annually take advantage of Bryant's continuing education programs and corporate outreach efforts.

Jill F. Nareau Earns Juris Doctor From Suffolk University

Jill F. Nareau of Feeding Hills was awarded the degree of Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, at the May 24th commencement exercises of Suffolk University held at The FleetCenter in Boston. Degrees were conferred on some 500 graduates of the Law School.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a bachelor of arts degree, Nareau is the daughter of Francis and Nancy Nareau of Feeding Hills.

Suffolk University is a private institution located on Boston's historic Beacon Hill, providing education at an affordable cost for students of all ages and backgrounds.

Suffolk has a combined enrollment of 6,400 full- and part-time students in its College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Frank Sawyer School of Management, Law School, and The New England School of Art & Design.

Greg Borecki Graduates From Assumption

Greg Borecki, the son of Tony and Carol Borecki of 89 Florida Drive, Agawam, has graduated from Assumption College, located in Worcester, MA, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, with a minor in Marketing.

On June 15th, Borecki moved to Westboro, MA, where he is now employed by Ikon Office Solutions.

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Graduation 1998 - continued...

Timothy Hourihan Earned Bachelor's At Nichols College

Timothy J. Hourihan of Agawam received a bachelor of science in business administration degree at Nichols College on Saturday, May 16th.

Hourihan has served as captain of track, president of the Campus Club, vice president of the Theatre Company, and treasurer of the Fire Department. He received the Newman Apostolate Award and the Theatre Company Award during the spring semester.

Hourihan is the son of John and Janet Hourihan of 54 Faymore Drive, Agawam.

Nichols, a private, four-year college of professional studies, prepares students to become productive members of society through successful careers in industry, entrepreneurship, and public service.

The college offers undergraduate degree programs in business, public administration, and the liberal arts, and graduate degree programs in business.

Samuel K. Peters Graduates Cum Laude From Bryant

Samuel K. Peters of Feeding Hills graduated cum laude from Bryant College during its 135th Commencement held on Saturday, May 16th. Peters received a Bachelor of Science degree, with a concentration in Marketing.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*.

Bryant enrolls more than 3,000 full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students.

Dominic Maloni Graduates From Johnson & Wales

Dominic Maloni, son of Anthony and Cynthia Maloni of 32 Losito Lane, Agawam, graduated Cum Laude from Johnson & Wales University during its 84th graduation exercises held in May in Providence, Rhode Island.

Among the 3,889 undergraduate students who received degrees during the 1998 commencement, Maloni earned a Bachelor of Science in Food Service Management.

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is an accredited, private institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, food service, hospitality, and technology.

With an enrollment of more than 11,000 students, Johnson & Wales is based in Providence, Rhode Island, and maintains campuses in Charleston, South Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia, North Miami, Florida, and Vail, Colorado.

Elana Campurciani Graduates From Mitchell College

Elana L. Campurciani of Feeding Hills graduated from Mitchell College on May 17th, receiving an Associate Degree in Human Services.

As New England's leading two-year college, Mitchell specializes in bridging the gap between high school and a four-year college through the use of innovative student programs.

With just over 500 students, Mitchell College offers a 12 to 1 student/teacher ratio, a 65-acre waterfront campus in New London, Connecticut, and 12 nationally successful varsity athletic programs.

Andrew Clark Honored At Assumption

Andrew Clark, son of Ms. Susan P. Clark of 72 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, has been honored for his high academic achievements in English at Assumption College in Worcester, MA.

Clark graduated from Assumption on May 24th. He was an Augustine Scholar and is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society.

Clark had worked with the Campus Activities Board for three years, and had volunteered with the College's Reach-Out Center. He was on the staff of the school newspaper, *Le Procurateur*.

Assumption College is a Catholic, liberal arts college founded in 1904, and is ranked in the top tier of Northern Colleges and Universities in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report*. The 1998 edition of *Time/Princeton Review: The Best College for You* ranked Assumption in the highly selective category.

The College has more than 15,000 alumni.

Gilbert Fortunato Receives MBA From Rensselaer

Congratulations to Gilbert Fortunato of Feeding Hills, who recently received his MBA in Health Care Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Formal graduation ceremonies were held in Troy, New York, on May 15th for family members. Rensselaer joined in establishing branch campuses in the Hartford area (including Hartford, Groton, and Waterbury) in 1995.

Fortunato is employed by Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, as a business systems analyst in decision support services.

He resides in Feeding Hills with his wife, Bernadine, and their two children, Joseph and Linda.



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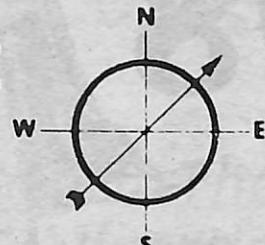
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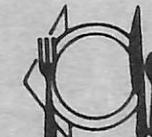
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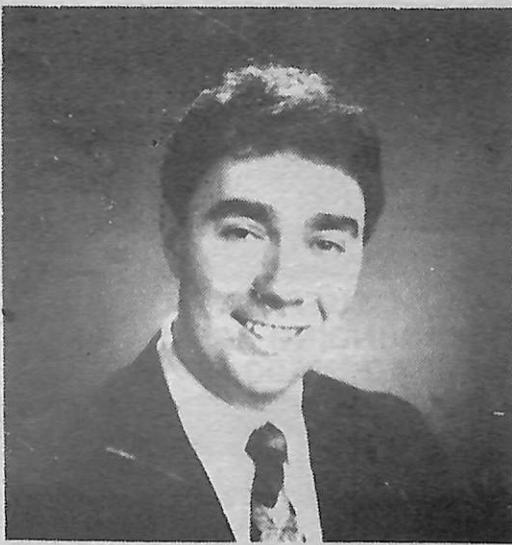
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